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Arsenic in Fish Brook water changes plan for landfill closure

By Neil Fater

Higher than expected levels of arsenic in brook water near the town's Ledge Road landfill has altered the plan for closing out the site, which the town has eyed for playing fields.

Engineering consultant Camp Dresser & McKee, the firm designing the landfill cap, will change its landfill closure plan to include further tests

meant to "assess the significance of the levels of arsenic," said Everett Penney, town health director.

"This is important, but it's not something that's an immediate health (risk)," said Penney. "For the future protection of the water supply it's important to look at these issues."

The brook tested, Fish Brook, feeds into the town's drinking water supply,

Haggetts Pond. However, Penney said there is no arsenic problem with the drinking water in the pond or water coming from the water treatment plant.

"There's a tremendous dilution factor by the time water at that point gets into Haggetts Pond (where the water treatment plant is located)," he said.

It is unclear how the extra testing will affect the timing of the landfill clo-

sure, but Penney did not believe it would delay the closure significantly. Jack Petkus, director of public works, was unavailable for comment this week.

In 1999, Town Meeting approved more than \$2 million to close the landfill, and the town has studied the area with the idea of turning it into additional playing fields. Penney said the town

has tested the area, which includes the adjacent existing Deyermund Fields, for a variety of contaminants and has never found unusual air or surface pollution.

Arsenic levels

The Massachusetts' standard for drinking water is 50 micrograms or less

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CAN YOU LEGISLATE LUNCH?



Only about 10 people a day buy a salad at the Andover High School cafeteria. About 400 purchase nachos, while many throw away their lunches from home to buy snacks from vending machines. The state legislature is considering a bill that would bar certain foods from being sold in schools.

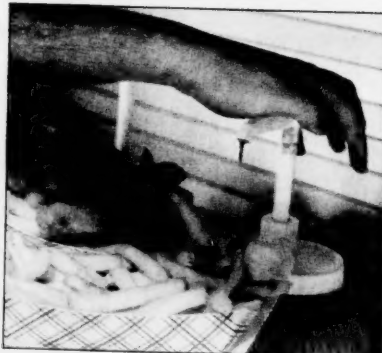
New move to cut kids' fat

By Rita Savard

Stirring up a colorful mix of freshly cut veggies over a flaming grill, the lunch chef prepares healthy meals to order. To his right is a full salad bar with all the fixings. To his left lies a stack of sandwich wraps, deli meats on homemade breads, and baskets brimming with fruit.

This is Andover High School's Collins Center Cafe, and its daily sizzle and smell of "home cooking" illustrates a very different picture than the school cafeterias of yesteryear – or even 10 years ago. Despite the bounty of fresh items, however, a typical day at lunch reveals lines of students carting away pizza slices and double orders of french fries.

"As far as the choices go, we have one of the best lunch programs in the state," said Karen Pappa, food services director for Andover Pub-



French fries remain a top seller at Andover High, despite a range of other options.

lic Schools. "But pizza and fries are still the biggest sellers."

Because of children's poor eating habits, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health reports "many children born in this generation will be the first (who) will not outlive their parents."

State lawmakers are now lobbying to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by enacting legislation that would tighten the belt on fatty food offerings in schools. An Act to Promote Proper School Nutrition would restrict certain foods from being sold in school vending machines, a la carte lunch lines, school stores and at fundraisers. The legislation sponsored by state Rep. Peter Koutoujian, D-Waltham, has corralled overwhelming support on Beacon Hill

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Get ready for ClownTown!

By Judy Wakefield

Snow interfered just three years ago. Last year, carnival-ride safety was on the minds of many organizers after a tragic accident in Hopkinton.

Carnival enthusiasts can relax this year, as organizers have addressed those issues and the most popular event in town is back again.

It's time for ClownTown, and the group of local women who have been hosting the big event for more than 50 years are at it again. The Andona Society, an Andover-based social group for women, is helping to hoist the tents and prepare the games for the big event, set for next Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21.

Patricia Garcia, chairwoman of the Andona Society's Ways and Means Committee, said a "rain/snow date" is planned for this year in case of unexpected bad weather next weekend.

Three years ago, clowns did not need to wear fake red noses. A freak May snowstorm kept most people home on ClownTown Saturday and the clowns strolled the Park by themselves with real red noses as they tried to keep warm in their costumes.

CLOWNTOWN

Friday, May 20,
6-10 p.m.

Saturday, May 21,
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Downtown in the Park, corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets
- Sponsored by the Andona Society
- Highlights include carnival rides, games, food, raffle drawings, performances by local sports clubs' members, storytelling

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Dying on your own terms

Andover author writes on avoiding Terri Schiavo case's issues

By Judy Wakefield

Terri Schiavo's parents and husband were clearly at odds over her end-of-her-life care, sparking a national debate.

But, like most 20-somethings, the newly-married Schiavo probably did not think much about dying, let alone put thoughts about the end of her life on paper, before she unexpectedly suffered brain damage in 1990 at the age of 26.

Terri Schiavo was in a vegetative state for the past 15 years. Her husband successfully sued in Florida to have her feeding tube removed, which her parents vehemently opposed. The saga before her death on March 31 was covered by newspapers across the country, and pushed lots of people into talking

about end-of-life arrangements.

Now, a just-released and easy-to-read paperback by two local lawyers can also help those who want to take charge of their last days and avoid the uncertainty and conflict that happened within Schiavo's family.

"While Terri Schiavo increased interest and opened people's eyes – it's still a tough sell."

MARK BERNARDIN,
ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE
TO PLAN FOR THE WORST

It's not pleasant, but end-of-life matters must be talked about between family members, according to an author of *Choosing Your Path: How Massachusetts Residents Can Take Control of Their Medical Care, Estate Plans, and Funeral Arrangements* (\$16.95 PoiDog Books). A person's wishes must be officially documented, he said.

"It's all about a series of conversations," author Mark Bernardin of Andover said of end-of-life matters. "And the first one is with yourself."

He teamed with his brother, Peter E. Bernardin, an estate-planning lawyer from Boxford, to write the 141-page book which came out just after Schiavo's death.

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Ayla Ohlenbusch leads a parade of young clowns as their parents, Andona Society members, get ready for their popular annual fundraiser, ClownTown, in the Park.



Arsenic

LANDFILL TESTING

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of arsenic per liter. Samples of Fish Brook water – not drinking water – taken at locations near the landfill showed levels higher than this at two locations.

Next year, on Jan. 23, the state will adopt the federal government's more stringent 10 micrograms-per-liter standard. Historically, water tested in several areas around the landfill have shown concentrations of arsenic above this tougher standard.

Penney said the landfill must be capped so that rain water cannot seep in and take metals such as arsenic out of the landfill and into Fish Brook. But Penney indicated that people should not read too much into the arsenic results found so far.

"Arsenic can be naturally occurring. We weren't sure if it was coming off the landfill, or something that was naturally occurring," said Penney.

Fish Brook water is being sampled in part because of high levels of sodium found in the water. Town Meeting approved \$20,000 last week to further study the sodium issue. The state has also agreed to create a reduced salt zone on the highways near the intersection of Interstate 93 and Route 495.

"I consider the sodium to be a much bigger concern at this point because the numbers are higher and the problem is more difficult to deal with," said Penney.

Fish Brook water samples are taken at six locations: near Indian Ridge Country Club, where the brook originates; at the intersection of Greenwood Road and Route 133, near the Internal Revenue Service and Mobil Gas buildings; off High Plain Road near the intersections of Interstate 93 and Route 495; at the landfill site on the west side of I-93; by Wood Hill Middle School off Cross Street; where Fish Brook crosses River Road; and where the brook is impounded by a dam and, if water is needed, pumped into Haggetts Pond.

RECYCLING

The paper trail

By Candy Dann
Andover Recycling
Committee Chairwoman

Do recyclables really get recycled? That is a question many people ask.

According to the state Department of Environmental Protection and national recycling experts, they certainly do, especially paper!

According to a nationally recognized recycling expert, recycling has hit the global marketplace. The economic boom in China is affecting everything from steel prices to recycled paper. The Chinese have built large, modern recycled-paper mills. By 2010, China will account for 20 percent of the demand for the world's recycled paper but has only 4 percent of the world's forests. Locally and globally, paper is in high demand.

Locally, the paper collected in Andover gets sorted and baled at a facility in Lawrence and from there can go overseas or to local mills, depending on the markets. In Massachusetts, local mills make "paperboard" from recycled paper in Fitchburg, Natick and Haverhill. The paperboard is used for cereal and cracker boxes.

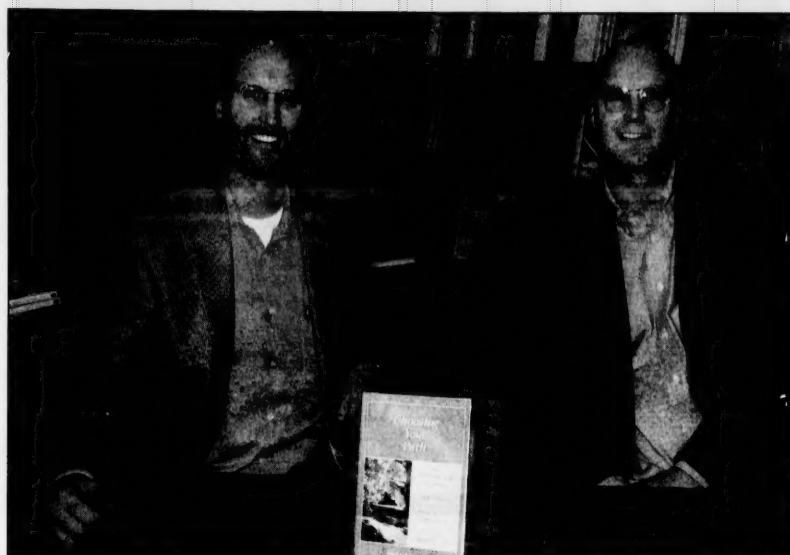
The National Recycling Coalition reported that last year America exported nearly 14 million tons of recovered paper, which is twice the amount exported 10 years ago. Recycling experts agree that more is

needed, however, in order to keep the mills from running on empty. At the moment, the local mills are struggling to get enough paper. The American Forest & Paper Association estimates that current recycling efforts capture only half of the total paper available in the waste stream.

This pattern is confirmed in town by surveys done by the Andover Recycling Committee. Residents have more paper to be recycled including junk mail, cereal boxes, magazines, shredded personal papers, phone books and paperback books. Offices have an even greater potential to recycle paper and cardboard. Andover businesses might be missing an opportunity if they are not recycling their paper and cardboard.

The growing demand has increased the price paid for recycled paper and towns are seeing the benefit. Andover shares the revenue from the paper collected in the curbside recycling programs in addition to saving on the cost of disposal at the incinerator.

The Andover Recycling Committee and town Department of Public Works encourage residents to recycle, especially cardboard and paper, because it is smart for the town, the regional economy, and the global marketplace. They want residents to keep in mind that a little effort at home makes a big difference at all levels.



Brothers, lawyers and now authors – Peter Bernardin, left, of Boxford, and Mark Bernardin, of Andover, pose with their book, *Choosing Your Path: How Massachusetts Residents Can Take Control of Their Medical Care, Estate Plans, and Funeral Arrangements*, at a recent book-signing event.

Choosing your path

TAKE-CONTROL BOOK

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Mark Bernardin said their book does not advocate positions. Rather, they are committed to getting people to do some planning so people's final wishes can be granted.

"When reality visits you in your hospital room, how peaceful will your last days be if you are worrying about who will make your medical and/or business decisions if you become incompetent; whether your wishes regarding end-of-life medical treatment will be honored; whether you will die in a hospital or in some other setting of your choice; whether your funeral will be conducted in a way that pleases you; whether your estate will be distributed as you intended?" they ask on the book's introduction page.

Even masters of avoidance might come to realize that their defensive walls must come down, the authors write. People might trust loved ones to make decisions for them, but loved ones are certain to feel stress with having to make those decisions, the authors suggest.

The authors explain a person's rights as a medical consumer, offering suggestions on how to advocate for the health care they want. There also are straightforward tips on the practical and legal issues that must be dealt with to ensure that after death people get what they wanted.

Living wills, health-care proxies, trusts, and power of attorney are some of the subjects covered in the book, which the authors spent two years researching and writing. The Declaration of Funeral in Massachusetts is also discussed, along with other pre-funeral legal information.

"While Terri Schiavo increased interest and opened

people's eyes – she had no advance directive – it's still a tough sell," Mark Bernardin said of his book's heady subject. "This is a factual, informative book to help those who want to learn more about this."

This 40-year-old stay-at-home dad lives on Elm Street with his wife, Melanie Bernardin, and their two children, ages 7 and 2. It was Melanie Bernardin who provided the inspiration for this book, as it draws on her working experience. Melanie Bernardin is a social worker at a hospital and frequently works with dying patients who never took the time to write down any end-of-life plans. That can cause uneasiness for patients or family squabbling that could have been easily avoided.

"I know these are complicated issues," Mark Bernardin said. "We just want people to know that the book is available and a good resource for families."

Choosing Your Path is the Bernardin brothers' first book. It is available at Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores and also at www.amazon.com.

"How peaceful will your last days be if you are worrying about who will make your decisions?"

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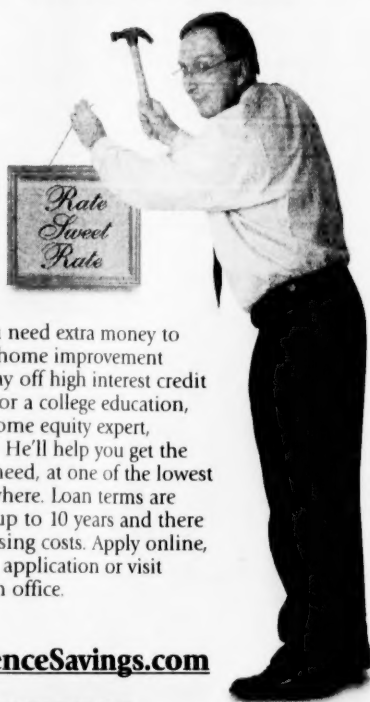
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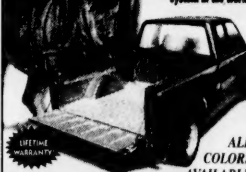
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



The top photo shows the Gulf Service Station on the corner of Chestnut and Main streets in 1946. It opened in 1936, and the building was designed "to blend with colonial Andover." In 1963, it was taken down and rebuilt to its present style, as seen in the bottom photo from this week.

Memorial Day parade

Andover's traditional Memorial Day parade will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 30.

The parade starts at the intersection of Park and Florence streets, proceeds down Florence Street to Elm Street, to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue and then down Bartlet Street to the town's World War II Memorial in the Park. All groups planning on marching are asked to call the veterans services office at 978-623-8218 to make arrangements to do so.

Immediately following the parade the town will observe the formal occasion of Memorial Day at the WW II Memorial. Following those ceremonies all participants are invited to a meal at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria.

Flags: Sunday, May 15

Local veterans, Girl and Boy Scouts and interested citizens will meet at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 15 in the Town Offices parking lot off Bartlet Street next to the Park to place approximately 3,400 American flags on the graves of Andover's deceased veterans in preparation for Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The process takes about 90 minutes and covers the town's 10 cemeteries. The public is invited to participate. For more details, call the veterans services office at 978-623-8218.

L'Italien recognized

In recognition of April as Autism Awareness Month and to highlight the plight of families whose children have autism, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, members of the Flutie Family and the Statewide Coalition for Autism visited the Massachusetts State House on April 27 and joined state legislators for an annual lobbying day.

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover) was recognized for her leadership on including funding for the Division on Autism in the state budget, according to a release from the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation.

Corrections

Due to a glitch in the *Townsmen's* production software, on page 32 in last week's paper, the headline "Black-tie award dinner for 2,000-yard running back" did not print completely. The story announced that Andover High senior football standout Matt Hennessey would be one of 22 elite secondary school scholar/athletes honored at the 30th annual Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Football Foundation Banquet on May 9.

Due to a reporting error, the total number of voters attending Town Meeting last week was incorrectly printed in the *Townsmen*. On Monday, May 2, 314 voters turned out, according to Town Clerk Randy Hanson. On Monday, April 25, the count had been 707, and on Tuesday, April 26, the turnout was 768.

Andover crafter Carla Grace Byrne's name was misspelled in articles on Crafts in the Park the past two weeks.

Quote, unquote . . .

I KNEW I WAS MAKING HISTORY because I was taking a college-level course for the first time online with people from all around the world.

— Sagar Faldu, a sophomore at the Metropolitan Learning Center in Bloomfield, Conn., and one of Andover biology teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz's online pupils. Andover students are also able to take online courses in subjects otherwise not available at Andover High (Story in Education, page 17)

WATCHING THE VIDEOS was sometimes painful. The tape doesn't lie. It forces you to self-analyze, which can be self-deprecating.

— English teacher Greg Waters, on some of the work involved to become certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Teachers must watch tape of themselves in the classroom and evaluate their own work. (Story, back page)

News Calendar

Monday, May 16

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Town Offices, plant & facilities office, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, second floor, 8 a.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices second floor, 7 p.m.

Fish Brook Initiative Task Force, Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street, 7-9 p.m.

May clinic choices

The Andover Health Department also will offer a mini health clinic on Monday, May 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be

School Committee, school administration building, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, school administration building, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 24

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 26

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including May 18 and 25. No appointment is necessary.

Check cholesterol May 18

The Andover Board of Health is holding a cholesterol screening clinic on Wednesday, May 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

The simple finger-stick test for total cholesterol costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment call the health department at 978-623-8295.

Boxes of cans, reusable items help band, charities

Not everything was rained out this past weekend, despite the rain's negative effect on a range of Andover events, including Crafts in the Park.

The Andover High School Band's bottle drive went ahead and the band collected 21,914 redeemable containers, for a total of \$1,095.70. About 600 or so non-redeemable containers were also collected and recycled.

The Andover Recycling Committee's Zero Waste Day also went ahead despite the weather with the help of about 50 slicker-clad volunteers from the Andover and North Andover Rotary, Andover High and Phillips Academy Environmental Clubs, South Church and North Parish. There were eight charities that received donations from about 150 cars. By the end of the event, charities had received at least 50 boxes of books, 25-30 bicycles, 10 bags of sneakers, five van-loads of baby items, a van of linens for animal bedding and

clothes, household furnishings, and building materials that half-filled the trucks bound for Saint Vincent de Paul, Lazarus House, and Boston Materials Resource Center. The charities all went home quite pleased with their results, reports Candy Dann, Andover Recycling Committee chairwoman.

For those who missed the event in Andover, there will be a repeat event in Tewksbury on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Recreation Department at 286 Livingston St. Also, Andover and North Andover are continuing the sneaker drive. The aim is to help another organization collect 5,000 sneakers for Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe Program. Residents with sneakers — any brand, in any condition (but no metal cleats) — can drop them at Tewksbury's Zero Waste Day on Saturday, May 14, or North Andover's Sheep Shearing Festival on Sunday, May 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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State may try legislating healthier food

LUNCH CHOICES

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and is expected to go before the House this fall.

"Putting a policy in place is long overdue," said Dave Nichols, health education coordinator and co-athletic director for Andover schools. "Kids need education and guidance in order to make healthier choices. Every year I see more and more younger students who are overweight. We can't expect the kids to make the right choices if we keep putting the wrong items out for them to buy."

More than nine million US children are obese, according to statistics from the state health department. During the past 30 years, the rate of 2- to 5-year-old overweight children doubled to 10 percent, and 6- to 9-year-olds tripled to 16 percent. In Massachusetts, 10 percent of adolescents are obese and 15 percent are overweight. According to

national health studies, between 70 and 80 percent of overweight children and adolescents remain overweight for the duration of their lives.

Under the proposed school nutrition act, packaged foods sold on school premises could not contain more than 30 calories from fat, excluding nuts and seeds. High caloric sport drinks such as Powerade, which is currently a popular seller at high school vending machines, will no longer be available. Fundraising items including candy bars, cookies and Krispy Kreme doughnuts, would only be permitted for sale off school premises, or 30 minutes after the end of the school day. And one of the high school's only a la carte offerings, and a daily top seller - french fries - could also be axed from the list.

If schools are found out of compliance with the new law, they risk losing federal funding

for free breakfast and lunch programs.

While no one seems to be against promoting healthier food options in schools, some call it a catch-22, because the school district's food service program is self-supporting.

"If students don't like the choices, they won't buy school lunch," Pappa said. "Because it is a state law that schools offer lunches to students, if we don't make enough money from sales to provide the lunches, then we have to dip into the school budget to make up any difference."

Since she started packing healthier snacks in elementary school vending machines, Pappa has seen a dropoff in those sales (see sidebar at right).

School PACs and PTOs, which heavily rely on fundraisers to generate revenue to keep school clubs afloat, might also take a hit in earnings.

Variety of offerings

Certainly, Andover tries numerous ways to get students to try something other than pizza and packaged snacks - and to a degree it seems to work.

During the days chef Bill McTeague cooks up his grilled concoctions at AHS, he finds himself getting "buried" by students. Last Thursday, McTeague added generous portions of spinach, snow peas, mushrooms, peppers and tomatoes to make fluffy vegetarian omelettes for teens standing by with trays in hand. Two to three times a week, the chef serves up grilled dishes with lots of vegetables, including a popular chicken stir fry that he said sells to about 50 or 60 students per lunch period. On days when the weather is good, the grills are moved out to the school's front courtyard, where lunch is prepared outdoors.

"These kids are probably going to be disappointed when they go off to college," laughs Pappa.

Yet, she adds, on any given day, pizza is still the No. 1 item of choice on students' lunch trays at Andover High and in the middle schools. At the elementary school, french toast sticks are a coveted favorite.

"I don't sell many salads," adds Pappa, estimating average sales of about 10 per day at the high school. "But the people I sell them to are very vocal if I don't have them."

What Pappa considers to be her highest fatty-food item is also one of the hottest to fly off the lunch shelf. Pappa said that even though nachos are loaded with saturated fats and contain about 604 calories, she can bank on selling at least 400 a day.

Current federal nutrition guidelines do not exactly push students in the direction of healthier choices, Pappa adds.

To receive federal aid, schools have to ensure students are purchasing lunches that contain at least three out of five nutritional components: protein, vegetable, fruit, grain and milk. Pizza and french fries covers the necessary three components, Pappa said. Pizza contains the necessary grain (bread) and protein (cheese), while fries are vegetables.

"I'm not saying it makes any sense at all," Pappa said. "But right now this is where we are at."

Pappa expects her cafeterias and school vending machines to change - and the state might force other districts to do the same.

State Rep. Barry Finegold said he supports plans to end childhood obesity in the places where he believes it will have the greatest impact.

"I do think a change needs to start in the schools," said the Andover Democrat. "I'm very concerned about the students now in elementary and middle schools. If they develop good eating habits at a younger age, they are more likely to make wiser choices as adults."

In Andover elementary schools, Pappa has already set up fruit and veggie bars to let students feel like they are selecting their own foods, while ensuring those choices are nutritionally sound.

But for now, the daily remains collected by Andover High's custodians show there is a large problem there to tackle.

Granola bars, fruit, yogurt and whole sandwiches that are sent off with students in the mornings pile up in all 10 garbage buckets inside the cafeteria every day.

"I think it's because (the students) are buying french fries and mozzarella sticks instead," said Geoff Znamierowski, day custodian at AHS. "They're kids after all, it's what they like to eat."



Fried foods fly off the shelves at Andover High, and most other schools.

VENDING MACHINES

A switch is on

You can lead a kid to Reduced Fat Cheetos, but can you make him eat it?

Not necessarily, as Andover schools are learning.

While the state is considering banning certain fatty foods from being sold in school vending machines and school stores, Andover schools have already tried to do this for the town's youngest students.

In September, Karen Pappa, food services director for Andover Public Schools, replaced vending machine offerings in the elementary schools. Reduced Fat Cheetos, baked Doritos and whole-grain Sun Chips were substituted for similar, but higher caloric items.

"My a la carte sales dropped dramatically," Pappa said.

Two years into the future, Pappa predicts vending machines will be stocked with nothing but water, and possi-

bly a new carbonated juice-drink line called Switch - with 100-percent fruit juice - as a substitute for soda.

But the food service director said kids probably would not buy any of those drinks if a cola machine sat beside them. Pappa does not permit any soda machines in the cafeteria. There is one in the Collins Center but it is not allowed to be activated until after school hours.

"I really don't think eliminating choices is the answer," Pappa said. "The only way kids are ever going to be healthy, is by having the education at home and in the classroom to teach them how to make the right choices."

The right choices, she adds, can be hard for children to decipher since society dictates what a person eats.

"Go to most any restaurant and you'll find mozzarella sticks and marinara sauce on the (kids') menu," Pappa said.



Students actually help the school budget by buying from vending machines, but some choices are not ones their health teachers would recommend. And perfect solutions might be hard to find - a can of a new 100-percent juice drink now offered has more calories than a can of Coke.



Some more healthful offerings, such as vegetable omelettes served by Bill McTeague, draw dozens of students, but the crowds pale next to those for fries and pizza.

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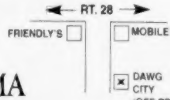
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Resident dies in car crash

Patrick Carrio was father, husband

By Stephanie Akin

When Patrick A. Carrio's brother suggested opening a family business, Carrio was thrilled with the idea.

It was a chance to pass something down to his two young children, a chance to spend his life working with one of three brothers with whom he was always close, a place to focus his ambition, his wife, Leslie, said.

Carrio, 32, of Andover had just left one of the stores he opened with his brother Michael, America's Mattress Stores in Auburn, when he lost control of his car on Interstate 290 east in Northboro. He suffered head injuries and died Friday at UMass Medical Center in Worcester. (Obituary, page 27.)

Earlier that night, Carrio's 4-year-old son, Carter, had asked to send a text message to his father's cell phone.

"I love you more than the moon and the stars," Carter

wrote.

"I love you too, monkey boy," Patrick Carrio wrote back.

Leslie Carrio said the pavement was grooved because of some construction and the road was slippery from rain, causing her husband's car to slide off and hit trees.

He was on his way to meet her and the children at his mother-in-law's house in Westford. His mother-in-law had just returned from the hospital where she had knee surgery. He was supposed to pick up Chinese food, Leslie Carrio said.

Carrio didn't usually work in the stores, his father Frank Carrio said, but for some reason he spent the day of the accident at the store in Auburn. In a jovial mood despite the rain when he spoke to his brother on the phone.

In the three years since the brothers opened their first store, the business has taken off. The brothers ran three stores in Massachusetts and New Hampshire that made more than \$2 million a year, Frank Carrio said.

"They're the hot, up-and-

coming young guys," he said.

Patrick Carrio learned much of what he knew about entrepreneurship working at a business owned by his wife's family, DePaoli Mosaic in Boston, where he started as an apprentice and worked his way up to chief financial officer.

His other two brothers still work at DiPaoli Mosaic with Leslie Carrio.

Patrick Carrio's family and friends will remember the way he always cocked his thumb in imitation of the character Fonzie on the television show *Happy Days*, the way he hugged his friends without self-consciousness, and the friendly golf and barbecue competitions between the brothers, Frank Carrio said.

Patrick Carrio's two sons look just like their father, who is part Cherokee, Leslie Carrio said.

Earlier this month, Patrick spent the day smoking his famous ribs for his son Quinton's christening, she said.

"He loved his family. We'll miss him," she said.

Health, planning heads to retire

Everett Penney, Steve Colyer serving last years

By Dorian Block

The town will lose two department heads with a combined 47 years of service to Andover in the next year.

Health Director Everett Penney and Planning Director Stephen Colyer are eligible for retirement in December. Both say they have not turned in their retirement papers yet, but they are planning on retiring in the next year.

"I haven't officially announced my decision yet, but I'm eligible in January '06 and I sort of inferred that's what my approach would be," Penney said.

"That's a probability right now," Colyer said of retirement in the next year. "But I haven't turned in the papers."

Penney, 61, has been the health director for 26 years. Before that he was the health director in Dracut for nine years and was a member of the Board of Health in Tewksbury for three years. He has worked as a pharmacist part-time through-

out his municipal career and said he will continue his pharmacy work after retiring from the town.

Colyer, 60, has been the planning director in Andover for 21 years. Before that he worked as a land use planner with the Lycoming County Planning Commission in Pennsylvania, an agency with jurisdiction over 52 towns and cities. For the past five years, while leading Andover's Planning Department, Colyer also served as chairman of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and as vice chairman of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority.

"Between the two of them they have close to 50 years of institutional memory of the community, development and planning of projects and advances of the town," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "They've had to balance tremendous pressures over the years. Pressures for development. Pressures for preservation. Pressures for land use issues, public health concerns. And they have done a remark-

Chamber awards

"We will give them commendations for their service to the town over many years as they both move toward retirement," Chamber of Commerce President Ron Hill said.

See story, page 20.

able job. They are leaving the town of Andover a much better place than when they arrived."

Penney said his exact date of departure is unknown because he wants to be actively involved in the transition to a new health director.

"I have mixed emotions about these things. I've really enjoyed working here. We get a lot done," Penney said.

"One of the concerns I have is who replaces me here and whether I can have some impact or some influence on selecting a person. I know most people in the field and (Town Manager Stapczynski) wants continuity," Stapczynski said.

Stapczynski said a team of colleagues from the Health and Planning departments will help hire the new directors through an internal and external search. Penney and Colyer will most likely not sit on the committees, but Stapczynski will turn to them for advice.

"We realize when they do decide to retire they will leave big shoes to fill," Stapczynski said. "And I respect their opinion tremendously."

POLICE LOG

This week's log contains arrests only.

ARRESTS

Thursday, May 5 - At 2:12 a.m., Jeong I. Choi, 37, of 116 Thoreau Way, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Friday, May 6 - At 8:31 a.m., Greg A. Culbertson, 28, of 96 North Main St., was arrested and charged with shoplifting and concealing merchandise.

Monday, May 9 - At 11:13 a.m., Angel

L. Delvalle, 27, of 22 Durham St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license, and driving an unregistered vehicle.

At 2:48 p.m., Joshua R. Caminero, 20, of 123 Bailey St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with giving a false name during booking, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and warrants for driving an unregistered vehicle without a license.

Tuesday, May 10 - At 11:05 a.m., James M. Kelly, 36, of 19 Kendall St.,

Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving through a stop sign, and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 1:34 p.m., Deborah A. Assid, 35, of 55 Chester St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with revoked registration, a revoked license and driving an uninsured trailer. Assid was also charged with several warrants for parking violations.

At 10:11 p.m., Dorairaju Thavaseelan, 58, of 27 Rutgers Road, was arrested and charged with failure to obey a traffic signal, and operating under the influence.

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BRANCHING OUT



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WHAT'S UP

Dodge, Dip, Dive, Duck, Dodge!

By John Chartier

On Friday, April 29, five words could be heard booming from the Field House at Andover High School – *dodge, dip, dive, duck, Dodge!* The Student Leadership Council's Dodgeball Tournament was a success, as more than 250 students and faculty members participated in one of the most enjoyable events hosted by AHS this year.

In the days preceding the tournament, SLC members and faculty advisor Sally O'Brien, had little sleep while trying to ensure the competition would go off without a hitch.

As the tournament began, teams were systematically eliminated through a series of surprisingly quick games. The dodgeballs flew across the court as the whistle of the referee pierced the cheers of the audience. As the tournament narrowed to the final eight teams, matches began to last for as long as 10 minutes and began to require at least two referees each. Then came the final game, between the Varsity Dodgeballers and the Red Dragons.

In the end, the Varsity Dodgeballers (made up of Dave Espindle, Kasey O'Dea, Dan McDermitt, Mike Somma, Zach Zemlin, Frankie Perone, Norbert Guery, and Zach Jordan) emerged victorious. Each member of the winning team received a copy of *Dodgeball* the movie, the whole team received four pizzas, and the Varsity Dodgeballers received the honor of knowing that they will go down in history as the first team to win the AHS Dodgeball tournament.

The Student Leadership Council hopes the Dodgeball tournament will continue to be a great success at Andover High School in the future. It appears the overwhelmingly positive response from both faculty and students will turn this tournament into an annual event.



The winning team, Varsity Dodgeballers: Top row from left, are Zach Zemlin, Dan McDermitt, Norbert Guery, Kasey O'Dea, and Frankie Perone; and bottom row, from left, are Mike Somma, Dave Espindle and Zach Jordan

Veda Eswarappa earns poetry honor from library



COURTESY PHOTO

Veda Eswarappa displays the certificate designating her as the winner of the library's first-ever annual teen poetry contest. Sitting on her desk is the computer she won as a result of her work.

Memorial Hall Library's first ever teen poetry contest began with a bang – the sound 147 entries might have made when they hit the judge's table.

After the judges had read each entry, Veda Eswarappa, a 15-year-old freshman at Phillips Academy, was awarded first place.

Poetry is not Veda's only interest. She also plays in the Phillips Academy symphony orchestra, takes violin, oboe, and voice lessons, and is playing varsity softball in her first year at the private school.

She has made honor roll in both trimesters she has been at Phillips so far.

All students in grades 6 through 12 in Andover schools were eligible for the contest.

Entries were judged blindly, meaning no names were written on the poems. All three judges are poets themselves: Theodore Deppe, who is a resident writer/poet at Phillips Academy, Anne Deppe, who teaches poetry in a Connecticut college, and Mark Schorr, head of Robert Frost Society in Lawrence.

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow...

■ CLOWNTOWN

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The proceeds budget took a big hit as a result, while much of the food was donated to various groups and agencies. There was no snow date planned, so Andona simply had to cut its losses when the event was packed up.

This year, there is a snow date. Clowntown will be held on Sunday, May 22, from noon to 5 p.m. if needed due to bad weather the day before. All the clown volunteers know about the snow date and the event will go on a day later, if needed, Garcia said.

Andona members are keeping their fingers crossed that sunny skies will prevail, Garcia said.

As for safety, Garcia said inspectors from the town and the state will be on hand Friday, May 20 when the rides are set up, as safety is always a priority. LMC Amusements of Wilmington is the carnival company hired by Andona for this year's Clowntown. The company also did last year's event.

Clowntown is Andona's biggest fundraiser of the year. About \$100,000 is raised at their popular two-day event. Proceeds benefit various youth programs in town including a



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Ready for Clowntown in the Park are Joanne Heim with her kids Olivia and Maria, Jennifer Healy with her kids Brooke and Carter, and Ayla Ohlenbusch.

swim program for handicapped kids at the YMCA, sports programs, and summer camp tuitions for needy middle-schoolers.

In addition, Andona awards \$10,000 in college scholarships every year and has pledged \$30,000 to the proposed new youth center in town.

Course for CPAs on May 17

Local financial professionals Maureen Meehan and Kristin A. Nordahl of the MNE Group are the featured speakers at an upcoming continuing education course designed for certified public accountants on distribution strategies for beneficiaries of IRAs and annuities after the death of an owner.

The course will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Andover Inn on Chapel Avenue. There is no cost to the course. Continental breakfast will be served.

Topics will include features and benefits of inherited IRA and annuities, how an inherited IRA/annuity can help reduce income taxes, advantages of naming a trust with an annuity, and life examples.

The MNE Group works with CPAs and attorneys to help clients reach their financial goals. For reservations or more information, contact Cindy Russell 978-689-7557 or Cindy_Russell@mony.com. Seating is limited so advance registration is recommended.

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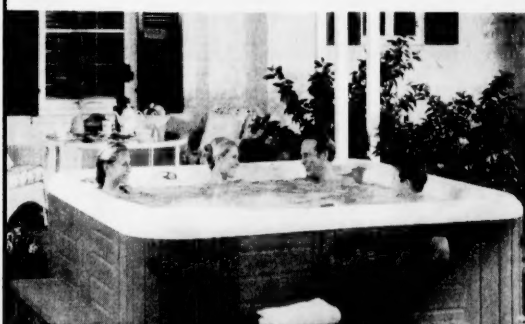
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Business

BRIEFS

ACE honor for resident's firm

Attorney Stephen Anderson of Andover and his firm, Anderson & Kreiger LLP of Cambridge, have been selected by Alternatives for Community & Environment to receive an ACE Founders' Award. The award recognizes the outstanding pro bono assistance several of the firm's attorneys have provided to community groups in Massachusetts that are battling to achieve environmental justice in their neighborhoods.

ACE, an environmental justice group based in Roxbury, will present the award at its annual celebration, Jammin' for Justice, on May 14 at the Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center. On behalf of Anderson & Kreiger, partner George Hall expressed "our deep appreciation for this award and our continuing commitment to helping ACE achieve environmental justice for those who, in many ways, need it most."

Daum appointed director

Andover resident Eric Daum, has been appointed design director of architecture, at the Classic Group Inc. of Lexington.

Daum has been with the firm since 1998. He holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a masters of architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He and William Curtis, named as managing director of architecture, were recently named to the company's board of directors.

The Classic Group specializes in the design and construction of new homes in traditional styles and whole house renovations of existing homes.

Tucarella named vice president

Marie S. Tucarella has been named vice president of commercial lending at Enterprise Bank. Enterprise is located at 63 Park St. and plans to renovate and relocate into a larger, permanent office at 6-8 High St.

Tucarella brings more than 25 years of banking and commercial lending experience to her new responsibilities at Enterprise Bank. Most recently, she served as VP, commercial lending at Danversbank in Andover and previously at Andover Bank and its successor Banknorth.

Tucarella, of Salem, N.H., currently serves on the Holy Family Hospital Sports for Life Finance Committee and is a former member of the Board of Directors of Northern Essex Community College Foundation. She is a staff member at New England College of Finance.

In announcing the appointment, Chairman and CEO George Duncan states, "We are proud to have such a talented and highly-skilled professional join our bank family. Her combination of banking experience, community involvement and personal and business relationships in the Andover community, make her an ideal addition to our Andover team."

Retirees wanted for advice

Service Corps of Retired Executives needs a few more business counselors.

SCORE is a free business service of the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce. Local professionals who know of an active or retired executive or business owner who might do volunteer business counseling for about eight hours a month, are encouraged to contact SCORE's Bruce Glassman at 978-474-0607 or the Chamber at 978-686-0900. The duty consists of participating in team counseling sessions. There are also opportunities for additional responsibilities if desired. The business counseling sessions are held at the Chamber on Tuesdays.

Small business week at bank

Banknorth's Main Street, Andover office is dedicating a full week of events designed to assist local businesses during Small Business Week, May 16 to 20 at its 61 Main St. branch.

Local business specialists will be on hand each day of the week to discuss opportunities for people's growing business needs, according to the bank.

A design on fitness

Shapes by Design's quick, varied program an alternative to 'no pain, no gain'

By Rita Savard

Getting in shape for bathing suit season doesn't have to soak up too much time – or sweat – according to local fitness experts.

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With every cue in the music, a woman moves on to one of 10 strength-training machines, or 10 recovery stations.

Each exercise machine is designed to build strength in different areas of the body by using hydraulic resistance to keep people pushing and pulling, rather than lifting and lowering weights.

"Weight training works for some people, but it isn't for everyone," says Linda Leonard. "Hydraulics reduce the potential for injury and help prevent people from getting too sore, so they want to keep coming back for more."

The Leonards say anyone can use the hydraulic equipment, which provides as much resistance as the user creates. As a user increases the resistance, she burns more calories and changes her body shape without building "bulky muscles," they say.

In between abdominal crunches, arm flexes and leg presses, recovery stations provide areas for step aerobics, or jogging in place to continue physical activity and achieve the target heart rate for individuals, based on their age and



Ron and Linda Leonard have opened Shapes by Design, a women's exercise studio, at 63 Park St.

physical condition.

Throughout the duration of the workout, members are encouraged to continually check their pulse points to make sure their heart rate is maintained at the proper level for their age and weight group. Instructors are on hand to help anyone with a fitness assessment, and to help clients achieve a desired goal.

"Alternating between strength training and aerobics is the key," says Ron Leonard. "It allows you to transform your body effectively, in the shortest possible time."

Since opening their doors in January, the Leonards have been offering a one-week trial to let people experience the Shapes by Design fitness program without any obligations.

"It's quick, convenient and challenging, but not overly hard," says Andover resident JoAnne Dalton, who reports successfully losing 12 inches in the program since beginning in January.

Ron Leonard says the exercise regimen is a perfect match for the person who might be intimidated by larger gyms, or for anyone who is pressed for time.

"At a big gym, exercising can take up to two hours with all the time a person needs to spend warming up their muscles before a workout," Ron says. "Here, we're doing it all, flexibility, cardio and strength, by going through the 30-minute circuit."

An added benefit of the program, say the Leonards, is the no-pressure environment.

Shapes by Design doesn't keep charging during absences. The Leonards accept vacation stops, and if members want to keep their workout on track while away, a "Circuit Training Passport" allows a person to utilize services at similar-style gyms throughout the country.

Clients of the Park Street Village fitness center cover a broad range of ages and physiques, from senior citizens to young women. The Leonards say their workout programs are tailored to fit individual needs. They have been working with the Andover senior center and will offer a demonstration there on May 13. Shapes by Design will also be part of the town of Andover's health fair for its employees on May 16.

"We cater to every woman," Linda Leonard says. "Some women need rehabilitative therapy, some want to lose weight and some just want to tone up. But all of them want to experience a workout that's fun and leaves them feeling good, because if it didn't feel good they wouldn't keep coming back."

Shapes by Design serves women only. Membership costs \$79 for the year, with a \$39 to \$49 monthly fee. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Merrimack College names deans for its Girard School

Merrimack College, a college in both Andover and North Andover, appointed two to leadership positions at its Girard School of Business and International Commerce.

Interim dean

Robert Cuomo, of North Andover, has been named interim dean. He has assumed responsibility for the overall administration of the Girard School of Business.

Serving as executive in residence in the Accounting and Finance Department since the beginning of this academic year, Cuomo has written numerous articles in his field of economics that have been published in leading journals. He is also presi-

dent of Decisions Support Associates, and executive director of Joey Fournier Services. He previously served as principal economist for Global Insight and chief economist for Boston Edison Company/NStar. He has

taught at Babson College, Middlesex Community College, and Merrimack College. He holds a doctorate and a master's degree in economics from Boston College and a bachelor's degree in economics from Merrimack College.

Associate dean
Susan Pariseau, of

Atkinson, N.H. has been appointed associate dean for the Girard School. As associate dean, Pariseau will focus on continued preparation for AACSB accreditation, working with faculty. "Her background in AACSB requirements, combined with her academic experience, provide the college with a valuable asset in ensuring that objective is achieved," according to a release from the college.

Pariseau has a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and an MBA and bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island. She has served as professor of management at Merrimack College for the past 22 years.



Robert Cuomo



Susan Pariseau

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Opinion

A food fight welcome in the schools

MANY OF THE PEOPLE reading this paper have probably been *that* kid at some point. The kid who throws away a perfectly good lunch and, instead, scarfs down snack chips. The kid who spends a month living on pizza and soda. The kid whose idea of a balanced lunch seems to be eating both the chocolate cookie and the cream filling in an Oreo.

Poor eating habits have become as identified with Americans as, say, hot dogs and apple pie – a less-than-healthy combination themselves. That's one reason why there's a move afoot on Beacon Hill to restrict certain foods from being sold in schools.

State experts fear kids today will live shorter lives than their parents. With troubling statistics about obesity and children's health as plentiful as burger joints, parents, schools and eating establishments are right to reexamine what they serve and how they can teach young children about nutrition. This is a public health issue that needs attention and action.

Andover appears to be ahead of the curve.

Years ago, parents asked Karen Pappa, the schools' food services director, to provide more healthful lunch options for their kids. Although restricted by the nature and cost of school lunches, Pappa has tried a variety of solutions.

A trip to Andover High's cafeteria impresses. A salad bar is always stocked, and a chef prepares items such as omelettes and stir-fried dishes. The vending machines offer a carbonated fruit juice that tastes pretty good and provides a full day's supply of Vitamin C – although nothing is perfect. It actually contains about 50 percent more calories than a can of Coke.

There is still much to do. But the school system's lunch offerings, particularly at the high school level, are signs that Andover government is responsive to local problems and desires. It is also a sign that in some areas, Andover officials are seeking solutions before their counterparts in other communities.

Web question

Should state peek into lunches?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: At Town Meeting, voters approved spending just over \$2 million for capital improvement projects. Although the article passed, residents questioned \$568,000 of the bill marked for school curriculum and instruction. Should this item be part of the town's CIP fund? 22 people responded.

- 2, or 9 percent, said, "Yes. Schools need the money."
- 3, or 14 percent, said, "Yes. But an itemization detailing exactly what the money is funding needs to be provided."
- 17, or 77 percent, said, "No. The CIP fund should be reserved for projects only. It should not pay for items, such as textbooks, that need to be replaced regularly."
- No one said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is about junk food in public school cafeterias. State lawmakers are pushing for a new law that would

restrict certain foods from being sold in schools and at fundraisers as a way to combat childhood obesity. **Is it worthwhile for state lawmakers to tighten the belt on fatty foods in schools?**

- Yes, absolutely, because if junk food is there, kids will eat it. If schools don't have junk food, kids will not be able to eat as much.
- Yes, it's worthwhile, but a lost cause. Kids will be kids and therefore, the pizza and french fry lines will always be much longer than a salad line in a school cafeteria.
- No. Kids need to learn to make healthy food choices. Lawmakers have no business dealing with this issue.
- No. Lawmakers should be focusing time and resources in other areas.
- Lawmakers should encourage school districts to offer nutrition courses instead so kids can learn about how fattening junk food is.
- Other.

To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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SPRING PEEK



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A young baseball fan looks through a gap in the netting behind home plate at Peter Aumais Park, the varsity baseball field at Andover High School.

LETTERS

Equal time at Town Meeting

Editor, *Townsman*:

Fresh from our recently concluded Town Meeting, the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover would like to offer the following suggestions for future Town Meetings: 1) reinstating the use of pro and con microphones, especially for hotly-debated issues such as the senior center, to ensure that both sides of the debate are fairly represented; 2) time limits for speakers consisting of five minutes for the presenters and two minutes per audience member, to facilitate input from as many citizens as possible; and 3) reminders to speakers who veer off topic to focus their remarks on the issue at hand in the belief that shorter, focused discussions promote better decisions.

The League thinks that implementation of these suggestions will give everyone a fair and equal opportunity to speak and will give voters the benefit of many viewpoints.

Peggy Kruse
145 Argilla Road
President
LWV Andover/No. Andover

They keep the water flowing

Editor, *Townsman*:

On behalf of consumers across Massachusetts, I commend the state's local water utilities for keeping public water systems operating around the clock, with virtually no exception, during the record-breaking cold and stormy weather last winter.

The role of water utilities in local communities is often invisible. The public does not see the many behind-the-scenes steps it takes to bring safe, sufficient, and reliable water supplies from the source to the faucet.

I applaud the specially trained, skilled, and certified professionals in Massachusetts who work throughout the year to protect, monitor, test, analyze, and treat public drinking water.

Water works professionals can quickly detect and correct potential problems; prevent contamination; provide high-quality, dependable drinking water; and protect public health and safety.

For more information on the role water works professionals play in Andover, residents can contact their local water department, the New England Water Works Association at 508-893-7979, or visit www.newwa.org.

Anthony J. Zuena
20 Windemere Drive
President-elect
New England Water Works Association

What message are we sending our seniors?

Editor, *Townsman*:

In the week since funding for a new senior center was defeated at Annual Town Meeting we have heard many comments about the project, both pro and con. Each, as we know, has merit to its supporters. My comment is not to the actual building, but about the people served through the senior center, primarily Andover's senior residents and their families. Many seniors are life-long residents and have seen the community grow from a small town of a little more than 8,000 in 1920 to the bedroom community of today. Others moved here over 40 years ago to raise families and hope to remain an active and integral part of the community. They embody our past, have shaped the present and face uncertainty in the future.

While many seek the sense of community Andover exudes, the essence of a community comes from within, from the people who make it a community, and we wonder what this community will be like a few years from now. Last year seniors provided approximately 30,000 hours of volunteer service to the community. Much of that time was in service to others; seniors provided rides to other seniors through the medical transportation program, helped to prepare and deliver over 26,000 meals for the Meals on Wheels and nutrition programs, and were active in various other programs sponsored by the senior center, including intergenerational programming and as volunteers in various

capacities at all of Andover's public schools and in many other town departments. They have improved and maintained the 350th garden planted at Wood Park, monitored brush disposal at Bald Hill, stuffed envelopes for mass mailings, sorted books for the library's book sale and completed many other "behind the scenes" tasks that are vital, and often unnoticed. A minimal value of that work is \$500,000/year; almost four times the anticipated additional operating expenses of a new senior center. Without their services, how would the budget absorb those costs and how would our community be affected by the drastic reduction in both the quality and quantity of those services?

The seniors don't ask for much; in fact, many won't ask for help. They will make do with what they have, even if their quality of life is negatively impacted, which is the very reason our senior center is so vital. Many of Andover's seniors are fortunate to have sufficient resources to not have to juggle the expenses of rising property taxes and exorbitant medical costs, while others struggle daily to meet increased expenses on a fixed income. Elder advocates strive to find the balance between identifying and meeting those needs while not placing an unnecessary burden on the community. However, not everything is measured solely by its monetary value or bottom line.

Today one in six of Andover's residents have reached "senior status" and pro-

jections anticipate nearly one in three as "Baby Boomers" age and people live longer. Seniors range in age from 60 to 100+. Their interests and service needs are as varied as their ages. A senior center is certainly not "one size fits all."

The Senior Center Task Force was appointed to explore the issue of a new senior center. It has worked on this project since December 2001. Members did their homework, reached out to the community for input and appeared before various town boards. Last year's vote at Town Meeting appropriated funds for the construction plans of a new senior center to be brought to Town Meeting this year. If a community center was the wish of the town, why wasn't that expressed last year or at some point between last year's Town Meeting and now? Many seniors and, we imagine, the youth as well, feel betrayed. Where is our sense of honor, of doing what's right? The seniors not only deserve a senior center designed to meet their needs, they deserve to be treated much better than this. We might have expressed our thanks for all they have done, but not our gratitude.

As a community, we must certainly ask ourselves what message Town Meeting's vote relayed. The message many seniors received was that they weren't valued, that they didn't deserve a center designed to meet their needs today and for many years into the future. Where is our sense of pride in the community; the sense that

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THE THURSDAY FILE

Only in quiet waters do things mirror themselves undistorted. Only in a quiet mind is there adequate perception of the world.

HANS MARGOLIS

There is nothing impossible to him who will try.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Within our dreams and aspirations we find our opportunities.

SUE ATCHLEY EBAUGH

All you have to do to diminish your fear is to develop more trust in your ability to handle whatever comes your way.

SUSAN JEFFERS

As a man grows older it is harder and harder to frighten him.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER

Goals give you a compass in order to direct your path through life. Goals focus your thoughts and actions on areas that have precise purpose and meaning.

CATHERINE PULSIFER
FROM WINGS FOR GOALS

The Einstein quotation

The release of atomic energy has not created a new problem. It has merely made more urgent the necessity of solving an existing one.

Remember this – that very little is needed to make a happy life.

MARCUS AURELIUS

Best quotation sent

By attempting to avoid the responsibility for our own behavior, we are giving away our power to some other individual or organization. In this way, millions daily attempt to escape from freedom.

M. SCOTT PECK

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvanloo.ca, and it offers quotations such as these.

LETTERS

On senior center rejection

SENIORS

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it's not what's in it for me, but what will benefit the whole community? Seniors have supported community issues for years; have supported several new schools because that was what the community needed. When the community at large benefits, we all benefit.

What will our community look like in a few years? What do we value? If we value our senior residents, we need to show it - now.

Kathy Urquhart
Danville, N.H.
Acting Director
Andover Elder Services

LETTERS
POLICY

Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to nfater@andovertownsmen.com, and included in the body of an e-mail, not as e-mail attachments.

As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

Water-test work: A benefit to all

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Students at the Wood Hill Middle School should be recognized for the good work they have done on testing the high levels of salt in Andover's water. Each student and adult involved in this important project should be applauded for the valuable service they provide to the town.

Sharon Magnuson
4 Old South Lane

103 AND COUNTING



Andover resident Arturs Veidins (seated) turned 103 on April 28. Posing with him on his birthday are his granddaughter, Katrina Veidins; his son, Juris Veidins, and his daughter-in-law Austra Veidins. The Veidins family lives on Bailey Road.

NEWS

Hadassah leader, former resident to speak in Andover on May 22

Judy Swartz, the past president of the Southern Merrimack Valley (SMV) Chapter of Hadassah and National Hadassah Board Member will be the keynote speaker at the Southern Merrimack Valley Chapter's annual donor luncheon to be held on Sunday, May 22, at the Andover Country Club.

A philanthropist and past resident of Andover, Judy Swartz and her husband Sidney Swartz recently led over 700 Hadassah major donors to Israel for the dedication of the new Judy and Sidney Swartz Center for Emergency Medicine at Ein Kerem. According to Sidney Swartz, he and his wife gave so generously because "I didn't want to be looking back one day and asking myself what I had done when Israel was facing attack."

Now, with the anticipation of peace in the region, Hadassah

continues to look to the Hadassah Medical Organization to save lives and cure disease, to Hadassah College Jerusalem to educate an ever-increasing population throughout the country, and to Young Judaea to promote Jewish values, education and continuity.

This year, the Southern Merrimack Valley Chapter donor luncheon supports the Hadassah project, Young Judaea. Young Judaea is the Zionist youth movement affiliated with Hadassah since 1941 and sponsored solely by its donors since 1967. It has sent more American children and teens to Israel than any other organization.

For more information or to make a reservation for the SMV Chapter Donor Luncheon call Bobbi Braverman at 978-469-9974 or send an email to rbobib@comcast.net.

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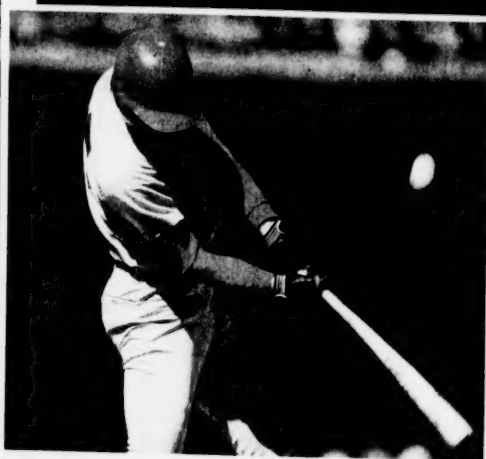
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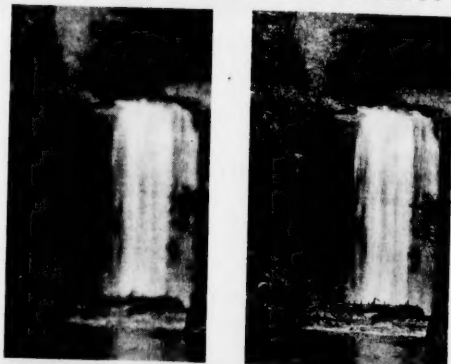
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, May 12

Stone walls of New England, slide presentation by Chris Tracey, noted dry stonemason specializing in historical reconstructions and restorations, and coowner, with wife Kathy, of Avant Gardens in North Dartmouth, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall at the library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401.

Abbot Scholars exhibition program, senior Grant Yoshitsu presents his project, "The Kennedy Tax Cuts of 1964," which describes the implications of the historic tax cut of the Kennedy administration, which may still offer critical lessons today, 6:30 p.m., free and open to the public, Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy; Aya Murata 978-749-4253.

Poetry reading and book signing, Paul Hudon will read from his popular illustrated history, *Lower Merrimack: The Valley and Its Peoples*, (postponed from an earlier scheduled date) 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Celebrate spring, at Maifest, a German-style celebration of the arrival of spring, featuring dancing to the Umpa-Umpa German Band and a demonstration of the Alpine Horn, as well as performances by the Beaver Country Day School Chorus, Youth Pro Musica and the Greater Boston Youth Chorus under the direction of Peter Krasinski, 8 p.m., \$20 pop concert seating, \$15 balcony and transept seating, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen; 978-682-8674.

Savings and retirement tips for the self-employed, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc. will present speaker Jane Harris of Primerica Financial Services, who will explain savings and retirement strategies for the self-employed, 11:30 a.m., Village Green Restaurant, Route 1 North (Newbury Street), Danvers; Kate Victory 978-777-8840.

Lounge music, "Side Effects" (duo) performs, 7:30 p.m., Focaccia Restaurant and lounge, 2 Lowell St. (Route 129), Wilmington; 978-988-7999.

Friday, May 13

Hello, Dolly! is the story of an irrepressible matchmaker's efforts to marry Horace Vandergelder, the well-known half-a-millionaire, and send his money circulating among the people like rainwater; a cast and crew of 45 West Middle

School students bring to life this ebullient musical full of characters and joyful songs, intended for audience members of all ages; 7 p.m., all seats are \$6 (in advance); \$8 at the door (tickets available at school's office, Andover Spa, Strawberry Tree, from cast members, and at the door); West Middle School Auditorium, 70 Shaw-sheen Road; 978-623-8700.

Newburyport ArtWalk, featuring events at a dozen participating galleries (Valerie's Gallery, The Firehouse Gallery, Child at Heart Gallery, Lepore Fine Arts and the Newburyport Art Association are a few), including gallery talks, meet-the-artist receptions and demonstrations, most events 5-8 p.m., free and open to the public; call 978-499-8444, more information at Web site www.newburyportart.org.

Arts and architecture LEAP! make history with homeowners, developers, realtors, artists, architecture lovers, preservationists and business owners in a first-of-its-kind arts and preservation weekend in the historic downtown of Haverhill, with tours, workshops, demonstrations (how to restore that window sash), sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Preservation Group, Mass. Historical Commission and many others; 978-749-0634 or www.LEAPMerrimack-Valley.org.

Jitters, Georgetown Theatre Workshop presents the play by David French, 8 p.m., \$10, 22 Pleasant St., Georgetown; Sue Clohecy 978-352-6367.

Lounge music, Stephen Savio performs, 8:30 p.m., Focaccia Restaurant and lounge, 2 Lowell St. (Route 129), Wilmington; 978-988-7999.

Saturday, May 14

North Shore Arts Association, reception to meet the artists opens 8:30 a.m., 2-5 p.m., free and open to the public, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857 or visit Web site www.northshoreartsassoc.org.

Art in the Yard, third annual gathering of 20 artists and their works for an outdoor show and demonstration, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (rain date Saturday, May 21), free and open to the public, 62 Dalton Road, Chelmsford; Heidi Jackson 978-256-1749.

Open auditions, for children ages 8 through 17, as well as adult roles for The Valley Players' upcoming production of *Cheaper by the*

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Catherine Charlebois (at left) and Emily Korba in the film "Invisible." Students involved in the Andover High production hope to earn a spot in the 14th Woods Hole Film Festival.

Below left: Joe Spanos in the control room of the TV studio in the Collins Center.

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Bright hopes for dark drama

By Rita Savard

WATCHING HERSELF ON SCREEN, Emily Korba still occasionally flinches in her seat.

"It's really weird to see myself on camera," admits the wide-eyed 18-year-old.

For Korba, who was prone to panic attacks at the mere thought of public speaking, acting was never a goal.

But in the film short *Invisible*—written, shot and cast exclusively by Andover High School students—Korba and other film novices have created a buzz in the local film industry that could land them a showing in one of New England's largest film festivals this summer.

Delving into the pressure-cooker temperature of a teenage girl's life, the students' 16-minute dark drama combines a solid story line with a shocker ending they hope will raise enough critical eyebrows to garner a place in the 14th Woods Hole Film Festival.

"They did an amazing job," said AHS film teacher Rich Farrell. "Woods Hole is one of the more well-respected film festi-

vals in New England and I think the kids have a strong chance at getting accepted. We'll soon see."

Invisible was already screened at Merrimack College's Tambakos Film Festival last month. Andover High was the only high school to gain acceptance into the national festival, and had two films premiere. *Ordinary Life*, a seven-minute short directed by student Elisa Slovin, was also selected for Tambakos out of hundreds of entries.

Farrell's mentoring helped the first-time filmmakers gain enough confidence to create "professional quality" pieces, and pursue new passions.

"I still get nervous right before shooting," admits Korba, who needed some coaxing to come out of her shell. But Korba's

screen presence has since sparked interest from up and coming director, Dan Shea, who cast the young actress as a high school beauty queen in his debut film short *Sticks and Stones*. The movie's theme touches upon a teenage boy's torment that develops into a dangerous grudge during adulthood.

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Film Extravaganza 2005

CALLING ALL FILM BUFFS and movie mavens: This summer you can learn how to write a script, operate a professional film camera, light a scene, direct and work with actors, and edit a completed short film on an Avid XPress Pro.

The first session of AHS Film Camp runs July 11-22. Session II begins Aug. 1 and runs until Aug. 12. Each two-week session is limited to 10 students, to ensure an adequate, hands-on learning experience, say organizers.

Call Joe Spanos at 978-697-9110, or Rich Farrell at 617-794-4542 for a brochure and more information.

West Middle cast 'looking swell'

Middle-schoolers to stage *Hello, Dolly!* this weekend

By David Grober

WHY IS MONEY LIKE MANURE? Eighth-grader Cecily Givens can tell you why.

On many weekday afternoons since February, when the last recess bell rings and most West Middle School students are bound for home, Cecily and four dozen other Drama Club members report to the school auditorium.

For the next several hours, they set aside homework, sporting events and instant messaging to sing, dance and memorize lines for the school's spring production of *Hello, Dolly!*

This Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., the cast and crew of middle-schoolers, under the direction of science teacher Kay Levesque, bring to life this ebullient musical full of fabulous characters and joyful songs—in a production sure to delight audience members of all ages.

Cecily, playing the irrepressible matchmaker Dolly Levi, doesn't mind leaving her homework until after dinner. "I love being there, I love acting, I love singing," says Cecily, who is relishing the opportunity to play such a "clever, determined woman."

The musical tells the story of Dolly's efforts to marry Horace Vandergelder, the well-known half-a-millionaire, played by eighth-grader Eli Grober.

"Horace is fun to play," says Eli. "because he's irritable and blows his top all the time. But he's also clueless about many things—especially women."

Levesque picked the perennially popular show because,



Featured in *Hello, Dolly!* are, from left: Eli Grober (as Horace Vandergelder), Cecily Givens (as Dolly Levi), Emma Hauer (as Irene Molloy), and Casey Quinlan (as Minnie Fay). Inset (at right): Eli Grober and Cecily Givens.

she explains, "*Hello, Dolly!* has everything a school production could want: large cast, fast pace, lots of dance numbers, and great costumes. Last year, we did an early 1900s play; now we're doing a late 1800s play. There's a history lesson behind each one."

"School theater," Levesque likes to say, "only happens thanks to the hard work and talent of cast, crew, parents, and dedicated staff who have put hundreds of hours into *Hello, Dolly!*"

Indeed, *Dolly* has been a collaborative effort by several

schools. West Middle's Carol Prasad (musical director) and Aimee DuBois (assistant director) have been joined by teachers from Wood Hill and South schools.

Yes, but what about the manure?

"Money," Cecily (as Dolly) likes to say, "is like manure. It's not worth a thing unless it's spread around, encouraging young things to grow."

So, spread the news: This *Hello, Dolly!* will be looking swell at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. All seats are \$6 (in

advance); \$8 at the door. Tickets are available at the West Middle School main office, Andover Spa, Strawberry Tree, from cast members, and at the door.



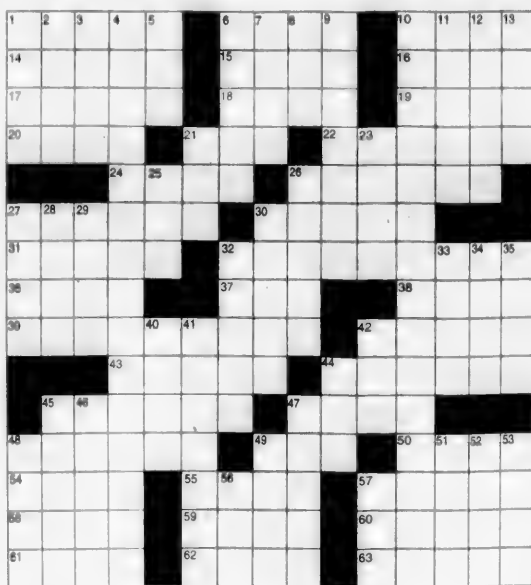
FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

An annual favorite for residents of all ages, **ClownTown** comes to town next Friday, May 20 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event is held rain or shine, but in case of heavy rain (or snow) next Saturday, the event will be held on Sunday, May 22 from noon to 5 p.m. Handicapped access to the auditorium is at the Bartlet Street entrance, near Town Offices. Friday evening is a smaller scale event with rides, food and the addition of a psychic reader. It has become a favorite night out for middle-school youth. On Saturday, **ClownTown** offers carnival rides, games with an assortment of prizes, face-painting, sand art, balloons, the ever popular Candyland, and a White Elephant featuring a range of used treasures including assorted toys, games, books, housewares, and special area dedicated to gems and jewels. Above, Mike Patrick slides with his son, Shane, down the big slide during last year's **ClownTown**. For more information about **ClownTown**, see the story beginning on page 1.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Old Testament queen
6. Quoth
10. Prove
14. Baseball slugger
15. Orchestra instrument
16. Fib
17. Glisten
18. Astringent
19. Helper
20. Engrave
21. Before
22. What Tiger Woods did
24. Mined metals
26. Cotton fabric
27. Flyer
30. Blend
31. Preen
32. Confusions
36. Secure
37. Expression of joy
38. Gust
39. Snared
42. Toothbrush brand
43. Crawling vines
44. Booths
45. Different sides
47. Smack
48. First month of Jewish calendar
49. ... you!
50. To chop or cut
54. Ancient Indian
55. Quartet
57. Yogi



CLUES DOWN

1. Judicious
2. Stop
3. Little Mermaid's love
4. Defeated Serapis
5. Pest
6. Zooms

7. Skill
8. Note of debt
9. Japanese dish
10. Country music group
11. Island nation
12. ... days, long ago
13. Unwanted plant
21. Type of pal
23. Exploiter
25. Type of music
26. Pondered
27. Niche
28. Bush concern
29. Crack
30. Heaps
32. Dummies
33. Expression of sorrow or pity
34. Egg part
35. Compass point
40. Affirm
41. Woeful
42. Lube
44. Essential
45. Last
46. Computer code
47. Cap
48. Crests
49. Embraces
51. Opera solo
52. Cliff
53. Cabbage cousin
56. Minor's goal
57. Energy unit

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Dozen, show dates July 7-24, auditions consisting of cold readings from the script, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Library book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Flint Memorial Library in North Reading, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the library's Activity Room, 147 Park Street, North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Treble Chorus of New England concert, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the chorus, featuring Purcell's *Sound the Trumpet* and works by Mendelssohn, Faure and Shütz, 7:30 p.m., tickets \$12, \$8 seniors (65+) and students, Methuen Memorial Music Hall (also including a performance on the world renowned organ), 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen; Alison 978-837-5461 or www.treblechorus.com.

Don White, performing stories and music at the Ivy Chord Coffee House, 8 p.m., \$12, \$10 seniors and students, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading (corner of Woburn and Summer streets in Reading); Beth Murray 781-229-9394 or 781-944-0494.

Medieval Tournament, the Academy of Knightly Arts will present 7 sword competitions, also featuring

food, games and shops, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. rain or shine, \$2 donation per person; also offering a Champions Feast after the tourney, with 5-course meal, non-alcoholic beverages and entertainment by David Stickney and his merry band of talented people, 7-10 p.m., dinner \$38 tickets in advance, \$40 at the door, Winnekenni Castle, 347 Kenoza Avenue, Haverhill; 978-521-1686 or www.winnenkenni.com.

Theater in the Open, giant puppets, music, dance, and fun-fun-fun, bring a blanket and spend the afternoon, 2 p.m. (raindate Sat., May 21), \$5, Maudslay State Park, Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport; 978-465-2572 or www.theaterintheopen.org.

Beverly Longshoremen, 57th annual show, "It's a Wonderful World," two performances; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., featuring quartet Scollay Square, The Village Voices and more, \$15, Larcom Theater, 13 Wallis St., Beverly; 978-927-0522.

Lounge music, Tony Gallo Group with Herman Johnson perform, 8:30 p.m., Focaccia Restaurant and lounge, 2 Lowell St. (Route 129), Wilmington; 978-988-7999.

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Two Sundays of events at the Addison Gallery

On Sunday, May 15 the Addison Gallery will host an afternoon for all ages with silversmith Stephen Smithers.

Here is the Addison's schedule for the afternoon:

1 p.m. - Gallery talk focusing on the masterpieces of American silver in the exhibition, "Art + Craft," including works by revolutionary hero and artisan Paul Revere.

2 p.m. - Children's workshop to create unique designs for drinking and eating vessels inspired by the silver on exhibit.

2:30 p.m. - Silversmithing demonstration by Stephen Smithers, known for his expertise in historical techniques.

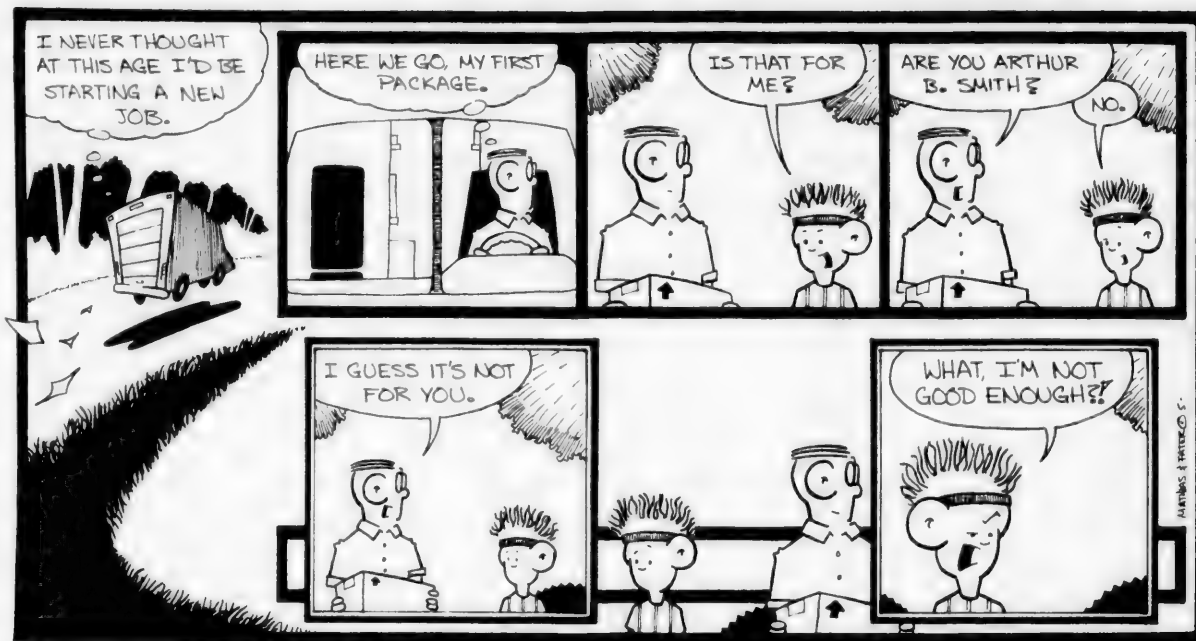
Next Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m., there will be a Gallery talk for "Over + Over: Passion For Process."

Join curator Judith Hoos Fox and artists Rachel Perry Wely and Tom Fruin as they discuss the intricate processes behind the sculpture made from ordinary materials in this exciting exhibition.

For more information, call Julie M. Bernson at the Addison Gallery at 978-749-4015.

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Hello, Dolly!, 7 p.m., see May 13 entry.

Jitters, 8 p.m., see May 13 entry.

Preservation weekend in Haverhill, all day, see May 13 entry.

Theater in the Open, 2 p.m., see May 14 entry. (Raindate Sun., May 22)

Sunday, May 15

Child safety programs, Bully Education Theater and Stranger Danger, two half-hour programs sponsored by the ATA Black Belt Academy as a fund-raising event for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, will provide participating children with strategies for coping with these situations: bully-proofing at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and stranger skills at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., open to the public, admission is by donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; ATA students will also be seeking sponsors for the kick-a-thon they will be performing at the site from noon to 5 p.m., 16 Haverhill St.; Francine or Mr. Landrum 978-749-0880.

Andover Sister Town Association, monthly meeting, 2 p.m. at Addison Gallery on the grounds of Phillips Academy, South Main Street, business meeting followed by tour of the gallery; Charlotte Murphy 978-475-3732.

Norumbega concert, using the shape-note method of learning music, Norumbega performs a Sacred Harp a cappella program characterized by strong harmonies and rhythms and an intense, idiosyncratic style, 2 p.m., free and open to the public, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 978-623-8400.

Art talk, a slide presentation by artist Lynn Loscutt about Monet's garden and her trip aboard the *Queen Mary*, sponsored by the Andover Artists Guild, 2 p.m., free to members, \$2 fee for guests, North Parish Church, corner of Academy Road and Great Pond Road, North Andover; Val 978-658-4693.

Baja Adventure, one in the library series sponsored by the White Fund, featuring internationally recognized photojournalist John Holod, 2-3:30 p.m., free, Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence; 978-682-1727.

Braverman Interfaith program, brunch followed by guest, John Michalzyk, documentary filmmaker, fine arts professor, and co-director of the Film Studies Program at Boston College, who will present his film, *Of Stars and Shamrocks*, a historical, religious, social and political documentary of the Irish-Jewish relationship in Boston, followed by the O'Shea Chaplin Irish Dancers, 10 a.m., free and open to the public, Temple Emanuel Social

Hall, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, all are welcome, reservations requested; Temple office 978-470-1356.

Preservation weekend in Haverhill, all day, see May 13 entry.

Medieval tournament in Haverhill, with 3 equestrian events, see May 14 entry.

Monday, May 16

Charity golf, sponsored by New England Coffee Company to benefit Hospice Care Inc. and the homeless women of Rosie's Place, 1:30 p.m., at Andover Country Club; for fees and other information, call 800-225-3537.

"Look Good, Feel Better," seminar sponsored by the Greater Lawrence unit of the American Cancer Society, teaches patients with cancer hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, participants receive a free make-up kit, noon-2 p.m., free but registration is required, Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen; Gail Palermo 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

Tim Russert guest at Celebrity Forum, sponsored by Middlesex Community College, the well-known host of NBC's *Meet the Press*, the most watched Sunday morning news show, presents "A View from Washington," 8 p.m., \$65 Premier Seating, \$35, \$20 students and seniors (60 and older), in the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-656-3238 or visit the Celebrity Forum Web site at www.middlesex.mass.edu.

Author reading and book signing, Jay Atkinson, author of the true crime book *Legends of Winter Hill: Cops, Con Men, and Joe McCain*, the *Last Real Detective*, which is currently on some bestseller lists, will speak at Flint Memorial Library, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Tuesday, May 17

Archaeological meeting, Northeast Chapter of the Mass. Archaeological Society, featuring a talk on "The Andover Witch" by Juliet Mofford, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public, R.S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, corner of Main and Phillips streets; 978-749-4490.

Preservation awards, sponsored by the Andover Preservation Commission, the Andover Historical Society and the Ballard Vale Historic District Commission, 10 outstanding examples of preservation effort within the town will be recognized at the 15th annual ceremony, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Karen Herman 978-470-2671.



Marcel LaJeunesse, grounds staff coordinator, readies the Stevens-Coolidge Place for its annual spring plant sale next Saturday, May 21.

Wednesday, May 18

No events listed.

Thursday, May 19

Lounge music, Michael Troy performs, 7:30 p.m., Focaccia Restaurant and lounge, 2 Lowell St. (Route 129), Wilmington; 978-988-7999.

Friday, May 20

Hypno2ude, a "bigger, better, more embarrassing" revival of last year's (Hypnotude) show is sponsored by the Andover Youth Council, and, in addition to stage hypnotist, the evening comes complete with an unlimited supply of laughter and other unannounced entertainment, 7:30 p.m., \$7, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; 978-623-8641.

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Nicolette Heavey

Nicolette Heavey will tell stories about fantasy and flight, free and recommended for ages 8 and older, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Concert at Phillips Academy, the Symphony and Chamber orchestras of Phillips Academy play, featuring soloists performing Ravel's *Piano Concerto* and Saint-Saen's *Cello Concerto*, as well as the premiere of a new piece by Tristan Perich (PA 2000), 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, 2 Chapel Ave., free and open to the public; 978-749-4263.

Lounge music, Street Magic performs, 8:30 p.m., Focaccia Restaurant and lounge, 2 Lowell St. (Route 129), Wilmington; 978-988-7999.

Evita, the musical with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Weber, will be performed by Sparhawk Spotlights, an innovative community theater company, 8 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors and students, at the Yellow School for the Arts, 7 Central St., Byfield; Danielle 978-388-5354.

Saturday, May 21

Alternative medicine for pets, a free lecture on arthritis in pets and options in treatment, presented by veterinarians David and Martha Lindsay and animal chiropractor Sue Ferguson, 1-3 p.m., at Alternative Veterinary Services, 9 Hodges St., North Andover; 978-683-5775.

New Moon Coffeehouse, Kate Campbell, hailed for an angelic voice and poetic, storytelling songs, performs from a tradition of the Deep South; opening for her is Dean Stevens, whose songs in English and Spanish explore a variety of personal and social topics, celebrating the earth and annoying the

narrow-minded, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), \$15, Haverhill Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St. (junction of routes 128 and 110), Haverhill; Catherine Waldron 617-513-6789.

Stevens-Coolidge Place annual spring plant sale, an unusual collection of choice, hard-to-find perennials and annuals, including several varieties of antique roses priced under \$20 each, the event features guided tours of the gardens at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and a tour book priced at \$7.50, with all proceeds going to the improvement and maintenance of the gardens; the house will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with no admission fee charged; the plant sale is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 139 Andover St., North Andover; Laura 978-475-8658.



Artist reception, "New York Images," over 30 years of work by photographer John Malpica, will be on display May 18-23, Saturday reception 5-9 p.m., free and open to the public, live music and refreshments, Off The Wall Gallery, 57 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-462-9009.

Flea market and plant sale, sponsored by the Belleville Congregational Church to benefit the music programs, space rental \$25, table rental \$10, sale will also offer hot dogs and sandwiches, cold drinks and baked goods, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., on the front lawn of the church, 300 High St., Newburyport; 978-465-7734. (Rain date June 4.)

Lounge music, Joey Vellucci Band performs, 8:30 p.m., Focaccia Restaurant and lounge, 2 Lowell St. (Route 129), Wilmington; 978-988-7999.

Evita, 8 p.m., see May 20 entry.

Sunday, May 22

Family canoe trip, sponsored by the Shawshen River Watershed Association, who are making available canoes, paddles, flotation jackets and guides to lead canoe trips between Lowell Junction and the Ballardvale Millpond, about 2 miles of scenic riverway, 1-3 p.m., free and open to the public; Jack Brady 978-686-7050 evenings.

Andover Choral Society, concludes its 75th season of continuous performances with a presentation of *Bach's Passion According to St. John* under the baton of music director Allen Combs, and accompanied by an orchestra of early instruments in keeping with Bach's era; the 65-member chorus will feature solos by Mark Sprinkle, Glenn Billingsley, Amy Stebbins, Martin Near, Charles Blandy and Doug

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At Crossroads Coffeehouse May 14th

Songs from the heart

ELLIS PAUL was raised in a small town in northern Maine where for generations his family earned their living from potato farming.

The community was so remote that his exposure to music came almost entirely from the one Top-40 station he could pick up on his radio, and from his school band, where he played trumpet well enough to earn a summer scholarship to the Berklee College of Music.

While attending Boston College on a track scholarship, Paul discovered songwriting completely out of boredom. A track-career-ending knee injury left him

bedridden for months, and he began making up songs on a guitar given to him by a friend.

He began playing his music at various open mics and was soon selling out clubs on his own. Now he is a nationally known songwriter who has graced stages from Carnegie Hall to the Newport Folk Festival.

Paul has garnered 11 Boston Music Awards. He won the Kerrville (Texas) "Best New Folk"



Ellis Paul



Antje Duvekot

award (as featured in *Smithsonian Magazine*).

Dirty Linen magazine has called Ellis "one of contemporary folk music's most influential voices."

Originally from Heidelberg, Germany, Antje Duvekot has been capturing audiences across the East coast with what organizers call "her charismatic stage performance, the poetry of her uncommonly intelligent songs, and a voice that could melt the toughest of hearts."

Duvekot earned both first and second prizes in the John Lennon songwriting contest, and was selected a finalist in the USA Songwriting Com-

petition. She was also recently featured at the Falcon Ridge New Artist Showcase.

Crossroads Coffeehouse is located at North Parish Church 190 Academy Road, North Andover. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., the concert starts at 8, and tickets are \$18. For information, call 978-687-3960 (or 978-687-7948 the evening of the concert); or visit www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 12 THRU MAY 22

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Williams, 3 p.m., \$15 (free to Phillips Academy community with an ID). Cochran Chapel, 2 Chapel Avenue; Cathy Bruton 978-687-8225 or www.andoverchoral.org.

Chalk Walk, Margot's Gallery and The Wingate Street Arts District invites artists of all skill levels to color the streets in historic downtown Haverhill, also featuring food, live music, Civil War reenactments, and workshops on picture framing, belly dancing, making ice cream, and origami, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., free, Margot's Gallery, 52 Wingate Street, Haverhill; 978-373-0200.

Faculty-student concert, the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society, comprising faculty and students, will perform chamber music by Borodin, Mozart, Dohnanyi, Shostakovich, Milhaud, Brahms, Popper and Villa-Lobos, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 978-0749-4995.

Herb fair, sponsored by the Herb Society of Andover, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., part of the Sheep Shearing Festival on North Andover Common (see next calendar listing); Liz Anderson 978-474-9283.

Pancake breakfast to "Salute Our Heroes", sponsored by Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors to benefit families of servicemen and servicewomen from the local communities who have been called to active duty for our country, all-you-can-eat, 8:30-11:30 a.m., \$10, \$5 children, Wakefield Elks Lodge, 63 Bay State Road, Wakefield; Bob 781-944-6662, Ext. 422.

Charlotte's Web, sponsored by Andover's Kaleidoscope creative learning for children, presented by



COURTESY PHOTO

Margot's Gallery, 52 Wingate St., and the and Wingate Street Arts District of Haverhill invite the public to Chalk Walk. Margot's Gallery invites artists of all skill levels to color the streets in historic downtown Haverhill. The free event next Sunday, May 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. also features food, live music, Civil War reenactments, and workshops on picture framing, belly dancing, making ice cream, and origami. For more information, call 978-373-0200.

New York-based Theatreworks USA, 2 p.m., \$15 (\$25 for priority seating in rows 1 to 10), proceeds benefit Kaleidoscope Scholarship Fund, Collins Center, Shawheen Road; Janis Baron 978-475-2992.

Sheep shearing festival, 33rd annual sponsored by the North Andover Festival Committee, attracts an estimated 10,000 people from all over eastern Mass., featuring shearing, Border Collie sheep herding demonstrations, petting zoo with newborn lambs, a juried crafts fair, pony rides, plant sale and more, including a wide range of food for sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., admission and events all free, on the North Andover Town Common, Andover Street and Mass. Avenue, parking

available at Franklin School on Andover Street, with free shuttle service to and from the festival; Sharon 978-946-2178 (crafters call 978-685-1568).

Evita, 2 p.m., see May 20 entry.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art. *Eye on the Collection: Copley to Hopper*, Selections from the Addison's extensive permanent collection including more than 40 landscapes, cityscapes, still-lives and portraits that span 200 years of the richness and complexity of American art, through July 31; *Manifest*

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WHAT'S UP

Youth Council is mesmerized

'Hypno2ude' = comedy, hypnotism, and foolish behavior

By Mark Irvine
Andover Youth Council

INTERESTED IN INTERPRETIVE DANCE, unreasonable outbursts of anger, and generally making a fool of yourself in public?

No? Well, how about shoe phones and imaginary parrots? "Hypno2ude" comes with a strange allure, and promises to captivate the audience at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., next Friday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Following the wild success of last year's show, which was called "Hyponotide," this year's revival of the production is reportedly bigger, better, and

much more embarrassing than ever before.

Along with the quality Mac Daddy stage hypnotist, imported straight from Jersey, this year's Hypno2ude will bring with it several mystery opening acts. We can't tell you what they are yet, but we hope that no animals will be harmed in the making of this production.

The night's show will come complete with an unlimited supply of laughter and hypnotic delight. All this can be yours for only \$7! You don't want to miss this awesome one-show-only event.

All the hype of this upcoming

event has hit all the members of the Andover Youth Council hard. Suzie Clarke has been practicing her hypnotism and proclaims to all Andover High School students, "You will come. May 20th, Old Town Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$7. It will be awesome."

For more information, call 978-623-8241.

▶ *What's Up* is written by kids for kids. The feature also highlights activities available for younger Andover residents. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsmen.com.

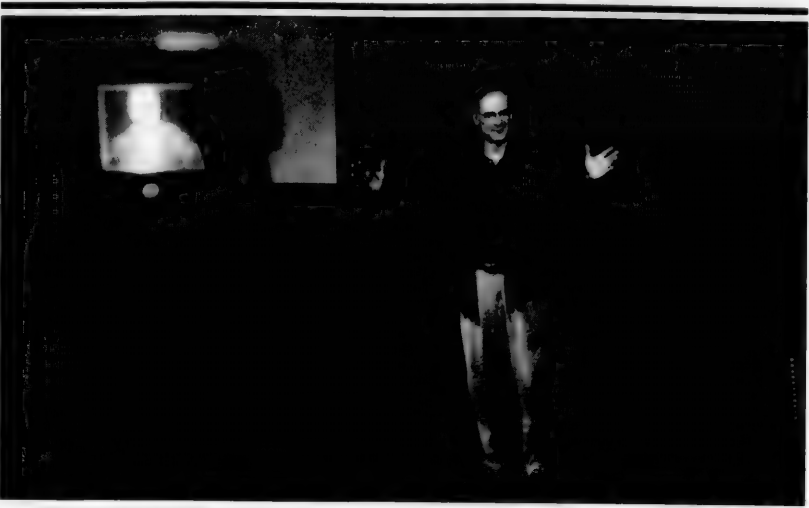


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

J.P. Ouellette talks about filmmaking to the film class at Andover High School.

AHS student film aims high

SCREEN PRESENCE

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"Once I started acting, I got more and more relaxed," Korba added. "It's fun to be someone else for a little while."

"I could see that Emily had it, she's a natural," said Farrell.

Writing the screenplay for *Invisible* was also a first-time effort for Lucy Properizo, 17.

"This is definitely something that's never happened to me before," said Properizo, who just recently learned that her screenplay might be featured at a festival known for showcasing promising newcomers with "out of the ordinary" films.

"I hope the film is chosen because it will really feel like all our hard work has paid off," added Properizo. "But either way, I had an awesome time writing it and working with everyone involved. And I'm excited that we got this far."

Terminator tales

Described by locals as "a salty sea spray village that brings the Nobel laureate and the local fisherman together in harmony," Woods Hole has

become an increasingly popular summertime destination for film buffs seeking an annual celluloid fix.

A recognizable name in the film and video circuit both locally and abroad, Farrell took home the 2001 Woods Hole Best Short Award for *The Legend of the Chad*, a comedic look at a pair of thieves who were outsmarted by Floridians while trying to steal the discarded chads of Palm Beach County.

Last Friday, Farrell invited friend and industry professional, J.P. Ouellette, to talk with students about the art of making short films.

A member of the Woods Hole Board of Directors, Ouellette began his career as an apprentice to such Hollywood legends as Orson Welles and Russ Meyer. Over the years, Ouellette has worked as a script writer and director for many films including H.P. Lovecraft's *The Unnamable I and II*, and produced international television, industrials, documentaries and features. Ouellette also served as second unit director on *The Terminator* which "means I

smashed and blew up things," he jokes.

Offering some advice to future Hollywood hopefuls, Ouellette suggested two main elements in writing a good script.

"No. 1 is wanting to create emotion," Ouellette advised.

Whether the audience laughs, cries or jumps in fear, the veteran director urged AHS students to dig for a reaction from viewers.

"Then guide that feeling," explained Ouellette. "The best way to capture an audience is by surprising them. Always give people something they don't expect."

According to Ouellette's definition of a successful picture, *Invisible's* shock ending - involving a single gunshot after the screen fades to black - could be the brand of "extraordinary" that gains Woods Hole judges' attention. Because in the true art of filmmaking, Ouellette reminds, the story is everything.

"You can make terrible (looking) movies," he said. "But as long as the story is good, you can get by."



COURTESY PHOTO

There will be a live performance of *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White's classic children's story, sponsored by Kaleidoscope in celebration of its 25th summer season and presented by New York-based Theatreworks USA at the Collins Center on Shawheen Road, Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each (\$25 for priority seating in rows 1-10). Proceeds benefit the Kaleidoscope Scholarship Fund. Order online at www.kaleidoscopekids.com; by mail at Kaleidoscope, Box 506, Andover, 01810; or by phone at 978-475-1422. Purchase tickets in person at Learning Express, 32 Park St. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Destiny, a provocative 8-by-24-foot acrylic mural on board, depicting Brooklyn, N.Y., in an apocalyptic future, through June 5; **Over + Over: Passion for Process**, through July 31, two- and three-dimensional works by artists whose extreme craft combines ordinary materials and traditional hobbies and craft skills to create extraordinary works; **Classic Modern: Art Deco Silver from the Collection of John P. Axelrod**, through July 31, highlighting the breadth and novelty of design in Art Deco silver, with designs drawn from the particulars of American life — trains and skyscrapers, prohibition and urban living, jazz music and Hollywood movies; **Art and Craft**, through July 31, featuring works from the addition's permanent collection, Art and Craft acknowledges the integral relationship between hand and mind, necessity and idea, maker and product that is embodied in the decorative arts; Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through May 15: "In Season," a group exhibit of 45 contemporary florals by nine area artists, gallery hours Tuesday, 2-6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of

Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Main Gallery: winning photographs from the 11th annual Griffin Museum Junied Show, through May 15; Emerging Artist Gallery: photographs by Julie Melton and Rachel Papo, through May 15; Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, free admission, 256 Market St., Lowell; Eileen Byrne 978-459-7819, www.the-brush.org.

COOL Gallery, Visual Heritage: Mexico on display through May, featuring the work of Lowell artist and teacher Raquel Bauman, whose paintings and mixed media are based on her familial heritage of Mexico, works of Bauman's student explorations of identity and personal history are also on display, 5-7:30 p.m., free and open to the public, COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162.

Gallery 181, Cotton Weaving House, 181 Canal St., Lawrence; through



Ear Pull - Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater is staging **Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?**, with performances through May 22. From left are Kara Purdie of Amesbury, Jamie Bradley of Amesbury, and Kathy Heywood of Newburyport.

May 31: **Interactive Redux**, featuring work by Marjorie Kaye, Diane Maroun and Jim Primmer; 978-688-4544.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Churchill Gallery, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Essex Art Center, gallery hours Monday, 3-7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free admission; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Memorial Hall Library, Andover resident John Zepeto's photographic images will be on display through May, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, *Into the Looking Glass*, an exhibit throughout month of May by Andover resident Mary Beth Hermans of paintings from her life in New Mexico and Massachusetts, gallery hours same as library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Lorica Artworks, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest

collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents "Quiet Places," a collection of paintings by Irish artists celebrating the regions of Ireland and their intrinsic beauty; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, as well as by appointment, free admission, handicap access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

Walsingham Gallery, works by artists J.C. Airolti, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazulla Jr., and others; gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411, www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Neveins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Revolving Museum, audiences will be taken on a journey through a variety of innovative artworks that explore issues like pollution control and spirituality through nature, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22

Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, gallery hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyport-art.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0230 or ayerlofts.com/exhibits.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, gallery hours Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1298.

Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.gallery-oni.homestead.com/1.html.

Newburyport Art Association, Sargent Gallery and the Hartson Gallery (upstairs), Laura Coombs Gallery, hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 66 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, 11 Pirate's Lane, Gloucester, regular hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m., including holidays; 978-283-1857.

Erich Gallery, gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Newburyport Art Association, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

Theater

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, *Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?*, performances through May 22, Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (dinner, 7 p.m.) and Sundays at 1 (dinner, noon) and at 6:30 p.m. (dinner, 5 p.m.), with a special matinee on Wed., May 25 and a special evening performance Thurs., May 12, reservations required for all performances, \$17 show, dinner-show combo start at \$31, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main

St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesburyplayhouse.org.

Concord Players, *Memory of Water*, directed by Fred Robbins, 6 p.m. on May 6 and 7, \$15, Concord Players, 51 Walden St., Concord; 978-369-2990 or www.concordplayers.org.

The Sunshine Boys, Neil Simon's hit comedy, first filmed in 1972 with Walter Matthau and George Burns in the title roles, and again in 1997 starring Peter Falk and Woody Allen, the Stoneham Theatre production stars Dick Van Patten (long-running television role in *Eight Is Enough*) in the role of retired comedian Al Lewis, first played by George Burns and later by Woody Allen from the 1930s featuring favorites such as *Delavely*, *You're the Top*, *Let's Misbehave* and the title song, *Anything Goes*, performed by the Pentucket Players, performances Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 8 p.m., Sat., 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7:30 p.m., \$42, \$37 seniors (62+), \$21 students (under 18 with valid college ID), Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200 or www.StonehamTheatre.org.

Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, through June 30, *Tray Ladies: Fifty Years of Varnish*, featuring the collected works of a group of Andover artists who have been painting together for over 50 years, specializing in decorative painting on tin, available for viewing Tuesday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; also through June, *A Crowning Glory*, a special exhibit of hats from the Society's collection; or tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century; exhibit in the Meeting Room: *Founding Farms*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, with photographs by Stan Sherer and text by Michael E. C. Gery, *Founding Farms* documents the long lives of five of the oldest farms in Massachusetts, including North Andover's Barker Farm; open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park,

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AROUND TOWN

The **Andovers Artists Guild** will host a slide presentation by artist **Lynn Loscutt** on Monet's garden, and her cruise on the *Queen Mary* on Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m. at **North Parish Church** in North Andover.

North Parish Church is located at the corner of Academy and Great Pond roads in the Old Center, North Andover. There is a \$2 fee for guests. The building is wheelchair-accessible.

The Andovers Artists Guild is a non-profit organization that offers scholarships to local high school students who plan to further their art education. For more information, call Val at 978-658-4693.

The **Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society** will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the **R. S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology**.

Juliet Mofford will speak on "The Andover Witch Hunt." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Mofford will explore why more people were accused and arrested for witchcraft from Andover in 1692 than from any other town in New England. As a result, Andover's story is very different than Salem's. Many times through history a society is unable to deal with change and political, legal and religious crisis. It is the result of intolerance and religious fanaticism, Mofford says.

Mofford is the director of research and education at the **Andover Historical Society**. Prior to that, she was director of cultural affairs for the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, a branch of the National Park.

Mofford has studied the Salem Trials and 17th century New England for about 30 years. She wrote and produced two community plays on 1692 Andover, "Cry Witch!" and "The Judgment of Martha Carrier." Her book on the Salem Trials was published by Discovery Enterprises Ltd. for its "Perspectives on History" series.

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeology Society meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Membership is open to all those interested in furthering their study of archaeology and prehistoric and historic cultural history.

For additional information, call the Peabody Museum at 978-749-4490.

In celebration of its 30th anniversary year, the **Treble Chorus of New England** will give a concert entitled "Songs of Jubilation," this Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the **Methuen Memorial Music Hall**, 192 Broadway, Methuen.

Featured pieces will include Henry Purcell's *Sound the Trumpet*, Norman Delojoio's *Jubilant Song*, and Marie Stultz's *Song of Jubilation*. Also included will be music by Mendelssohn, Faure, and Shütz. The renowned Music Hall organ will be featured in a solo piece played by Stuart Forster. Tickets are available through www.treblechorus.com by calling 978-837-5461, or at the door for \$12 (adults) or \$8 (seniors 65+ and students).

Wanted - Actors between the ages 8 and 80... The **Valley Players** announce auditions for their upcoming production of *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Children ages 8 through 17, as well as two adult men, and three adult women are needed for this production. The audition will be held at the **Amesbury Playhouse**, 194 Main St. (behind CVS), Amesbury, this Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The show will run July 7-24. For more information, call 978-388-9444, or check out www.amesburyplayhouse.com.

Cheaper by the Dozen is a lighthearted comedy set in the 1920s revolving around the true life story of a world-famous expert in efficiency named Frank Gilbreth, and his adventures raising 12 children. He often uses his children as guinea pigs to test out his different theories. It is one laugh after another as Mr. Gilbreth tries to control his circus of children, and his coming-of-age daughter Anne, who like all teenaged daughters keeps trying to push him to the limit.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING

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daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-related books and documents; in addition, the museum has the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5 admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

The Revolving Museum, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

American Textile History Museum, Textiles in America - Permanent exhibit of textiles, tools, machines, photographs, advertising ephemera, and other artifacts shows how people have used art and science during the past 250 years to create beautiful and useful textiles; more than 500 artifacts from the museum's collections are used in imaginative period settings and gallery displays; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Peabody Essex Museum, Island Thresholds, Contemporary Art from the Caribbean, an exhibit of 13 works of art by four current artists, through June 5; *In Nature's Company*, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876 or 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7-30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711

House of Seven Gables, open daily

10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem; 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House, tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

Meetings/Activities

Public skating, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30-11:50 a.m., additional Friday 7:30-8:50 p.m., Sundays 1:30-2:50 p.m., \$3 admission, rental skates available, Chelmsford Forum, Brick Kiln Road, North Billerica; 978-670-3700 or fmcarenas.com.

Adult English classes, sponsored by the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley Inc., 3-month program of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m., preschool available for children ages 3 to 5 with parents enrolled in classes; 978-683-7316.

New England Classical Singers, under artistic director David Hodgkins, rehearsals are held at South School in Andover; 978-474-6090 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 603-667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, rehearsals Thursday evening, 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Ave., Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070, or Sheila Kanan 978-373-4990.

Country line dancing, Stompers Country Line Dance Production will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47, I-93, Methuen.

Community men's chorus, the Men's Chorus of New England, formed by Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College with Richard Barney conducting, 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesdays, West Parish Church, Andover; Anne O'Neill 978-837-5461.

Drum and Dance Circle, rhythm instruction and improvisation drumming, meets fourth Friday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Con-

gregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959, mve-membership@neonflamingo.com.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawshen Elementary School, Shawshen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

Learn to line dance, the Knights of Columbus hosts a learn to line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926, www.operalowell.org.

Memorial Hall Library, Merrimack Valley Quilters, Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; www.mhl.org.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center. 36

Andover Choral Society completes its 75th season

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On Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m., the Andover Choral Society will return to Cochran Chapel for a special performance of the *Passion According to St. John* by J.S. Bach, in celebration of the group's 75th anniversary. Under music director and Phillips Academy faculty member Allen Combs, the group will present a complete performance of Bach's masterpiece, sung in German and accompanied by an orchestra of original instruments.

Joining the chorus will be a group of professional soloists from the Boston area, including soprano Amy Stebbins (PA class of '03); tenor Mark Sprinkle will perform the role of the Evangelist, and Jesus will be portrayed by baritone Glenn Billingsley. Other soloists are Martin Near, countertenor; Charles Blandy, tenor; Douglas Williams, bass; and Martin Cowley, bass. Recently retired PA organist and Fidelity director Carolyn Skelton will be the organist for the performance.

Tickets are \$15, available at



The 65-member Andover Choral Society will complete its 75th season of continuous performances Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. The choral society will present Bach's *Passion According to St. John* under the baton of Allen Combs, music director, at the Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy.

the door, through the Music Department office at Graves Hall, or via the Andover Choral Society website: www.andover-choral.org.

Admission is free (with appropriate identification) to Phillips Academy students, fac-

ulty and staff.

Located next to the historic Andover Inn on Chapel Avenue, Cochran Chapel is fully handicapped-accessible.

For more information, call 978-688-6353 or visit the Web site.

Bartlett St., 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-0900 or www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association, non-profit group meets the first Monday of the month, October-May; membership is open to new or established private music instructors; activities include lectures, recitals, masterclasses, and teacher exchanges; Jody Brickman 978-470-3509.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, meeting weekly at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; 978-552-4830.

Merrimacks Toastmasters Club,

second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., a special a cappella workshop this summer for all women interested in singing, Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Wilmington; 978-851-7764 www.merrimackvalleychorus.com.

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Education

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Andover students were named to the honor roll for the second term at St. Michael School in North Andover:

Grade 5 HIGH HONORS – **Rosey O'Brien**;
Grade 5 HONORS – **Hannah Carey**; and
Grade 7 HIGH HONORS – **Ann Marie O'Brien**.

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The following students from Andover were named to the high honor roll or honor roll for the first semester at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, a college preparatory school for grades 9 through 12.

High honors: **Matthew Fisch**, freshman; **Margaret Hughes**, freshman; **Joseph Cartolano**, sophomore; **Meghan Doherty**, sophomore; **Nicholas Caro**, junior; **Margaret Hughes**, junior; **Kathryn Malleck**, junior; **Samuel Adams**, senior; and **Jennifer Muscatello**, senior.
Honors: **Matthew Krzywicki**, freshman; **Jeffrey Muscatello**, freshman; and **Todd Eudailey**, junior.

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The following Andover students were named to the Brooks School honor roll for the fall semester:

HIGHEST HONORS (for maintaining an average of 92 or above):

Senior: **Shyam Kannan**
Freshman: **Kaitlyn Riley**
HIGH HONORS (for maintaining an average of 88 or above):

Juniors: **Alexandra Caffrey**, **Joseph Malarney** and **Adam Rousmaniere**

Freshmen: **Arjun Kannan** and **Michael Nickerson**
HONORS (for maintaining an average of 85 or above):

Seniors: **Nicole Lonero** and **Meredith Mooney**
Juniors: **Ayesha Ahmed**, **Angela Latona** and **David Rountree**

Sophomores: **Emma Kieckhafer**, **Kara Lanio** and **Randall Latona**

Freshmen: **Jennifer Hyslip**, **Hannah Nichols** and **Jessica Waters**.

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Residents from Andover recently achieved academic honors for the first semester at Belmont Hill School. High honors is granted to boys who earn an average of B+ or better in a four- or five-course program. Honors is granted to boys who earn a B average.

Students are **Andrew Jeffrey Liu**, high honors, and **Colin Pearce Hutzler**, honors.

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Patrick Dicesare of Andover was among 39 outstanding Greater Lawrence Technical School freshmen honored on Feb. 2 at a luncheon for the students and their parents in the school's Edward V. Coakley Four

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Career Day at Doherty Middle School

So you want to be a (fill in the blank)...

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL held its annual Career Day for eighth-graders on Thursday, April 28. Nineteen job areas were represented by presenters who brought their infectious enthusiasm along with their slides, posters, brochures, and hands-on items.

The majority of the speakers were parents of present and former Doherty eighth-graders. There were also several presenters who are unconnected with the school but who take part of this event whenever possible.

The speakers and their respective professions were as follows: Judy Ayers, pharmacist; Priscilla Kwong, pharmacist intern; Sgt. Barbara Connolly Kiley, Dennis Lane, Andover Police; Sean Cavanagh, FBI; Dr. Jasmine Keramaty, veterinarian; Paul Zambella, C.S.I., forensic scientist; Holly Dargie, college professor; Richard Klein, US Coast Guard; Rob Huntley, photographer; Steve Walther, industrial scientist; Kathy Grant, biochemist; Jo Ann Furlong, nurse practitioner; Mick Mueck, design engineer; Bruce Belbin, Tom Agnew, firefighter/EMT; James Frey, marketing; Ellen Davidson, physical therapist; Joyce Crane, journalist; Jon Moore, hotel and sales/marketing industries; Stephanie Maze-Hsu, educational consultant; and Jack Woodbury, sports and entertainment insurance analyst.

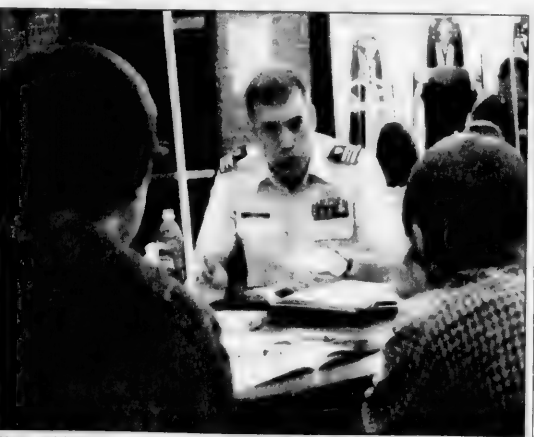
ly Kiley, Dennis Lane, Andover Police; Sean Cavanagh, FBI; Dr. Jasmine Keramaty, veterinarian; Paul Zambella, C.S.I., forensic scientist; Holly Dargie, college professor; Richard Klein, US Coast Guard; Rob Huntley, photographer; Steve Walther, industrial scientist; Kathy Grant, biochemist; Jo Ann Furlong, nurse practitioner; Mick Mueck, design engineer; Bruce Belbin, Tom Agnew, firefighter/EMT; James Frey, marketing; Ellen Davidson, physical therapist; Joyce Crane, journalist; Jon Moore, hotel and sales/marketing industries; Stephanie Maze-Hsu, educational consultant; and Jack Woodbury, sports and entertainment insurance analyst.



Tom Agnew, Andover firefighter/EMT, helps Ryan Furlong try on his equipment during Doherty Middle School's Career Day.



Judy Ayers, a pharmacist, explains to Heather Jimenez how prescription drugs are filled.



Richard Klein (center), with the US Coast Guard, talks to students about his career protecting the waters as part of Homeland Security.

Laura Hajdukiewicz, Andover High biology teacher and Virtual High School site coordinator, checks on Kyle Tildsley as he logs on to a computer for his Virtual Classroom lesson. Any student at Andover High can take a virtual class online.



Online Learning

Virtual classroom at AHS

By Rita Savard

STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD are lining up to dissect pigs at Andover High School.

Except these teens don't have to cross borders – or get their hands dirty – to tackle the required lab experiment in advanced placement biology. With the click of a mouse, Virtual High School classes are enabling students in Andover and abroad to connect to courses that would otherwise be unavailable.

"Online learning is a part of life," said Laura Hajdukiewicz, AHS biology teacher and VHS site coordinator. "The classes are not meant to take the place of real teachers, but to enhance students' learning experience. For some students, it's the closest they can come to taking advanced level courses."

When Hajdukiewicz agreed to teach AP biology in Virtual High School last fall, it allowed 16 students from Andover High a passport into the cyberspace classroom.

After a one-year pilot, most of the participating students gave their VHS experience rave reviews. Andover High is now extending the pilot for another year, and expanding the enrollment to 25 students. Andover students who sign up for virtual classes are allowed to take only electives that are not offered at AHS. Out of 204 online courses, AHS students have about 80 selections to choose from in art, literature, business, math, science social studies, technology and foreign languages.

"Almost all of Andover High's business courses were cut because of budget restraints," Hajdukiewicz said. "And the high school had to cancel an AP computer class when not enough students signed up. The online classes are a good alternative that gives students more choices."

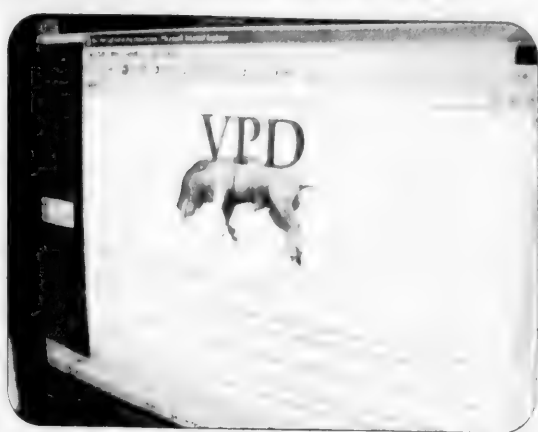
School Committee member Tony James hailed the program, calling it another piece of "forward thinking" that "sets the Andover school system aside from others."

Studying online enabled junior Kyle Tildsley, 17, an opportunity to perfect his math skills, while learning how to plan a vacation for under \$2,000. "I hate math," admits Tildsley, who enrolled in a personal finance course. "But the class was fun and interesting."

Tildsley said he found it easy navigating through the virtual classroom and his online teacher promptly replied to any questions. A list of activities including planning his first vacation taught Kyle lessons in managing money and keeping a record of expenditures.

"It was the first time I ever planned a vacation," said Tildsley, who took his virtual trip to Florida on a limited budget that still allowed him to deep sea fish and swim with dolphins, after paying for flying, lodging and meal expenses.

Virtual High School students meet and chat with their classmates by clicking onto pages that contain biographies and photos. Students also have quick access to grades and assignments in school and at home. Net course teachers have an average of 16 years of teaching experience. According to the program's statistics, 85 percent



A welcoming screen for the Virtual Pig Dissection module.

of the teaching staff have earned a master's degree and 19 percent have additional credits or doctorates.

"It gave me a chance to study what I really wanted to study," said junior Jai Sim, 17, who enrolled in AP economics online.

Sim and his virtual classmates were assigned various group projects during the semester that included researching and analyzing rising oil prices. Each group had a different perspective in the end, said Sim, which helped encourage in-class debate.

"The classes are interactive and small," added Hajdukiewicz.

Approximately 5,634 students are enrolled in VHS net courses worldwide. Among the 324 member schools, 24 are international.

"Kids are being motivated, driven intrinsically, to do well and take responsibility for their own learning," Hajdukiewicz said. "Students in Andover are also forming friendships with students across the continent and the globe."

The AHS teacher has guided students from Japan, Peru and around the country through a pig dissection as part of her AP biology course.

"I knew I was making history because I was taking a college-level course for the first time online with people from all around the world," said Sagar Faldu, a sophomore at the Metropolitan Learning Center in Bloomfield, Conn., and one of Hajdukiewicz's online pupils. "It was awesome."

Faldu's said the only drawbacks he found to online dissection was the lack of three-dimensional "real life" shapes and textures. But the bonus, said the 16-year-old with an interest in studying medicine, was taking a course that will better prepare him for the college classroom.

All students who entered the online classroom said others should be advised that net courses are not for everybody.

"Virtual High School offers more choices," said Sim. "But you have to like studying independently."

Hajdukiewicz has already had about 15 students sign up for virtual classes in the fall, when she will be teaching a zoology course for the virtual school community.

"Virtual High School will never replace teachers teaching in the classroom," she said. "But students will be taking online courses in college and we're teaching them those skills now at the high school level."

NOTICE

ANDOVER RESIDENTS

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

■ PATRICK DICESARE

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Winds Restaurant.

Each outstanding ninth-grader received a medal for achieving an 'A' average in their nine Career Exploratory areas during the first two terms of the school year, when freshmen explore the many different occupational options available in the career clusters at Greater Lawrence.

Dicesare will be majoring in

Electrical, in the Construction Technology cluster.

Two students at Phillips Academy have been selected for the second time to the 2005 United States Physics Olympiad Team. **Nickolas Fortino** '05 of North Andover, and **Daniel Whalen** '06 of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., scored higher than over a thousand other students to earn a spot on the prestigious team.

Peter Watt, Phillips Academy instructor in physics, nominated the students to the team.

To prepare for the hardest physics questions the students might ever encounter, they will travel to the University of Maryland on May 14. The teammates will spend a week at the physics training camp, conducting lab experiments, taking exams and hearing presentations from prominent scientists.

The top five students from

the camp will be named to the traveling team and will fly to Spain for the International Physics Olympiad competition to be held this year in Salamanca from July 3-12. Last year, Whalen was named an alternate to the traveling team and competed in Pohung, South Korea.

This year is the 36th annual competition and also the World Year of Physics.

"These students will almost certainly make contributions to

science and technology in modern life," said **Bernard Khoury**, executive officer of the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), which sponsors the training camp. "For students like those on the US Physics Team, every year is the World Year of Physics. Physics is an intellectual adventure, and we as a society are always helped when students engage in this adventure."

The US Physics Olympiad Program was started in 1986 by AAPT to promote and demonstrate academic excellence. The

Olympiad is a nine-day international competition among pre-university students from more than 60 nations.

St. Mark's School in Southborough announced the names of students who earned honors or high honors for academic work completed during the first half of the 2004-05 school year.

Earning honors was **Rachel Lindmark** of Andover.

To earn honors, students must maintain an average of B or higher, with no grade of D or E.

SPINNING FOR SANBORN



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 175 people attended Sanborn School's Casino Night fundraiser last Friday, May 6. The event, which took place at Old Town Hall, was described as a huge success by committee members, with several thousand dollars raised to support the school's integrated arts programs. Shown here are committee members Amy Riemer, Debbie Begos, Tracy Callahan, Mina Patel, Erin Manship and Christine Rogers. Not shown are Janet Swartz, Elise Brassil and Sanborn Principal Steve Jankauskas.



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Doherty Middle School honors its Grade 8 Scholars

On Thursday, April 28, Doherty Middle School held its annual Scholar Recognition Night for students in grade 8. Students who attained honor-roll status for the first two terms received certificates acknowledging their accomplishment.

They are listed here, with an asterisk (*) after the name denoting high honors. Doherty Grade 8 Scholars who received these certificates are:

Alexandra Abisso *, Emily Adams, Karim Addetia *, Jennifer Angell *, Hannah Bardo *, Rebecca Bendetson *, Julia Blanter *, Lauren Blaxter *, Emily Blech, Nicole Cahill *, Amy Caron, Laura Cody, Jacquelyn Collins, Caroline Colombo *, Abigail Cook *, Molly Corcoran *, Brendan Crawford, Aline Dargie *, Amanda D'Avolio, Meagan Deyermund *, John Diodati *, Janelle Driscoll *, Alexandru Dumitrescu *, Sean Ehlbeck *, Matthew Eriksen, Hannah Fitzpatrick, George Flanagan, Jessica Frey *, Hope Fried, Ryan Furlong *, Emma Gendelman *, Jonathan Graham *, Catherine Gross, John Haak *, Christine Harvey, Gary Hinds *, Robert Hodge, Shelby Horn *, Alexandra Hsu *, Thomas Huntley, Jennifer Igoe, Paul Irish, Carl Jackson *, Heather

Jimenez *, Jennifer Johnson *, Rebecca Johnson, Michael Kaluzny *, Ishan Kapoor *, Rudhdi Karnik *, Jonah Kellman, Micala Kempster *, Eve Kenneally, David Keohane, Margaret King, Melissa Knapp *, Jennifer Koffman *, Kelly Kropiwnicki *, Michelle Laracy *, Regina Larose *, Theodore Lederfine-Paskal *, Auden Lincoln-Vogel *, Rebecca Lindmark, Christopher Lippi, Andrew Lyman *, Elizabeth Malone *, Brian Mason *, Kerry McCarthy *, Leah McKnight *, Mary McQuillen *, Maria McSheehy, Jessica Morrow *, Victoria Mueck *, Laura Murray *, Matthew Newman, Victoria Norris *, Salvatore Percival, Breanna Perrone, Elijah Petter *, Joshua Petter, Keyara Pierre-Louis *, Bowen Qiu *, Matthew Quartararo, Hilary Rich *, Molly Rodin *, Brian Russell *, Rachel Rutfield *, Nicole Saia, Elizabeth Scoble *, Colleen Shannon, Sophia Shimer *, Gabriel Shipon *, Lucy Silverman *, Sanjay Singh *, Samantha Skistimas, Cameron Smith *, Andrew Speen *, Molly Stoberg, Alexandra Strock, Christopher Sullivan *, John Tassinari, Joshua Torres *, Rachael Trotta, Kayla Walsh, William Wilkin *, Ian Wollman *, Erin Woodbury, Andi Zhou *

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, May 16-20:

Elementary schools

Monday: Corn dog with fries, pizza stick with soft pretzel, chocolate chip pancakes with sausage, Trix Day, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Mac and cheese with roll, chicken nuggets with puffs, pizza ring, boxed breakfast, apple cobbler green, beans, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Meatball sub with pasta salad, nachos with fajita meat, chicken McSchool with pasta salad, pita pocket salad, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Baked chicken with potato and carrots, french toast sticks with potato pancakes, hot dog with fries, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich with pretzels, chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, slice of pizza, chicken caesar salad, fruit, veggie and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, toasted cheese sandwiches with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken salad plate, spaghetti and meatballs, cheeseburger with chips, fruit, veggie, milk.

Wednesday: Meatloaf with potatoes and green beans, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs

with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two beefy burritos, BLT in pita with pasta salad, chicken McSchool with chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Chicken cutlet sub with chips, stuffed crust pizza, chicken caesar salad with roll, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Cheeseburger with chips, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Two hot dogs with chips, stuffed crust pizza, rotini and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two beefy burritos, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: French toast and sausages, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, baked macaroni and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

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Summer aides in the Kaleidoscope program, many of whom attended as children, provide a colorful spectrum of assistance to young learners.

Kaleidoscope is turning 25 this summer

Woman behind it recalls early days

By Judy Wakefield

Dave Nichols, the health coordinator for Andover Public Schools, once taught there.

So did Charlie Friel, who is now the principal at West Elementary School.

Marlies Zammuto of Andover, who has been recognized nationally for her child-care programs in Lawrence and who founded the popular Mother Connection, was a teacher there in the early years.

There is Kaleidoscope, an enrichment summer program that turns 25 this summer.

Janis Baron, its founder and only director, finds herself reflecting on an A-list of teachers when she is asked about the program's longevity. Quality educators such as Nichols, Friel

and Zammuto have served as the perfect poster people for the enrichment summer program, where they worked when their successful careers were being launched some 20 years ago.

"We have maintained quality of staff throughout our growth and that is a key to our success," said Baron, an Andover resident. "We have always made sure we had a quality staff... and I have never advertised for teachers. They like the program and stay with it."

What started out as a one-week summer enrichment course for 52 elementary-school-age kids in Andover housed at West Elementary School has ballooned into a summer attraction for some 600 kids from 30 different towns this year. Families can choose from about 130 various enrichment courses.

Courses will run for three one-week sessions in July at Wood Hill Middle School in West Andover.

"I never thought it would grow this much when I started back in the summer of 1981," said Baron, whose own children were just 1 and 2 years old back then. Now, they have graduated from college.

"Andover just needed something back then. Parents wanted something in the summer for their kids, but the choices were regular summer camp or remedial programs. We needed something else," Baron said.

That "something else" became offerings that focused on enrichment. The course catalog from 1981 shows that kids signed up for \$35 courses like "Backyard Adventures" where they traipsed in the woods and could find ant eggs. Zammuto taught "Flights into Fantasy" for pre-kindergartners. Friel's class was called "Beyond Computation" and was geared for local math wizards in grades 5 and 6. Now, as the summer of 2005 approaches, courses cost \$130 and math still gets extra attention. The "Robots" and "Rocket Launches" courses, which deal with math and science topics, were closed out in April because of their popularity. Eleven other

courses, including one about dinosaurs and two theater courses, have also closed out.

"We're very unique," Baron said. "Kids get two-and-a-half hours a day for five consecutive days, learning about something that interests them."

"It's not a flavor-of-the-month approach where kids only get a couple of hours here and there. My experience is that they don't bond in those settings," said Baron, who works as an educational consultant and trains teachers around the state.

Early days

Twenty-five years ago, Baron was like many Massachusetts educators. She was worried. Proposition 2½ had just passed and the school budget ax was hacking away at the so-called extra programs in schools across the state. Non-academic programs, mainly arts programs, were being cut in many districts, including Andover.

Baron was a teacher at Bancroft Elementary School from 1970 to 1978 and then was tapped to run the gifted and talented program for Andover's high achievers.

She ran the program from 1978 to 1980 — and then it was cut.

"That was something I was very concerned about," she said of her former program. "Kids like being excited about a subject that interests them, like sci-



Time flies — In 1988, Janis Baron's son, Andrew, took Adventures in Science with Candy Bachner. Andrew Baron is now a PhD candidate at Harvard University.

ence, and being with other kids who have the same interest."

She says kids are immersed in Kaleidoscope courses and they thrive. So that has kept her non-profit program going for 25 years, as well.

"Thousands of kids have come through and lots of them come back as program aides when they are in middle school and high school," she said.

Small class size is also a key to Kaleidoscope's success, as the class-size average is 12 with a maximum of 15 children.

Baron has no plans to mix up her three-part recipe for success: quality teachers, small classes and offering kids subjects that interest them.

It's a 25-year winning streak so far, and she plans to keep it going.

Working to provide leadership in education

Crowley: Holding the state's educational system accountable

By Greta Cuyler

WHEN RICK CROWLEY and his wife, Colette, moved to Andover in 1990, it was to expose their four children to a first-rate Andover public school education.

Crowley understands that many children across the Commonwealth do not enjoy that same quality of education. But as the current vice chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education he would like to do something about that.

Appointed to the board in 2001, Crowley, a businessman, volunteers between eight and 20 hours per month as a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education. He was named vice chairman earlier this year.

While the board is composed of education professionals for the most part, Crowley's appointment harkens back to a time when the board had more parental representatives.

Crowley has served in many executive roles in companies throughout the Boston area. He currently owns Keystone Consulting in Andover and works as a consulting CFO. In 2000, Steve Crosby, a friend and former colleague then serving as Massachusetts Finance and Administration Secretary, approached Crowley as part of an effort to bring business professionals into government.

Although Crowley expressed interest in the board, he was hesitant due to his lack of educational experience. A self-described "long shot," Crowley went on to receive the gubernatorial nomination, and after a lengthy interview process, won the appointment.

Laughing, he says, "Sometimes, if you don't really push for something, you get it."

Since his appointment, Crowley has found his business background to be helpful, but admits that his learning curve on the board was "huge."

He likens the nine-member board to a business model, led by a CEO who develops strategy and a board that focuses on strategy implementation. He calls board Chairman Jim Peyser "outstanding," adding, "I get to see a lot of CEOs and boards in my business and he's the best."

Massachusetts education strategy was set under the Education Reform Act of 1993, wide-reaching legislation that increased state funding and demands, strengthened teacher certification, approved charter schools and set standards on curriculum, assessments and graduation requirements.

Given the existing strategy, the board's focus is on implementation. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), a product of the 1993 legislation, serves as a measurement tool to identify underperforming school districts. Underperforming districts must provide a turnaround plan to the board within one year, and, in turn, the board provides mentors to superintendents and principals to assist in plan implementation.

MCAS critics have been vocal about their concerns, citing potential bias, "teaching to the test," and classroom time that is spent on testing instead of on additional education. While Crowley understands the potential pitfalls, he sup-



Rick Crowley of Andover is vice chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education.

ports MCAS.

"So much public money is being invested in education and it's important to measure results and hold the system accountable," he says.

The board does not seek to close schools, he says. "The idea is to help the schools early on in the turnaround process," says Crowley, and a school closure would be a "last resort."

Leadership, according to Crowley, is a critical component in education. He disagrees that spending more money on schools is the solution. Taxpayers are looking for results, he says.

"People think money fixes everything and that's rarely the answer," says Crowley.

Reform efforts

Reform in the public schools is difficult, says Crowley and he cites three obstacles to the board's reform efforts.

The first is the breakdown of the family: "Two-parent families aren't as prevalent today. Kids have more issues at home and the support system is not there," he says.

Also, he sees both adults and children taking on less personal responsibility for education.

Crowley calls the third impediment he sees, the teachers' union, a "quasi monopoly." A supporter of private unions, Crowley says he does not approve of unions in public environments.

Charter schools are an important topic on the board's agenda. School founders are given five years to establish the school and perform successfully. Crowley says his most difficult task during his board tenure was closing a charter school. "I think the world of charter schools. But at the end of the day if the kids aren't learning like they should, it's incumbent upon us to hold the founders responsible."

Crowley's term on the board ends this August.

"People think money fixes everything and that's rarely the answer."

RICK CROWLEY



Above, students in the Under the Sea program handle starfish from a touch tank aquarium. Top photo: Kaleidoscope students are crafty in the Marker and Melodies program.



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For service: Tucker, Colyer, Penney

THE ANDOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will hold its 2005 Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony and Breakfast on Thursday, June 2 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club on Lovejoy Road.

Community Service Award winners include high school students from Andover who will be presented college scholarships.

Also honored are Stephen L. Colyer, of the Andover Planning Board, and Everett F. Penney Jr., of the Andover Health Department, who will be recognized for their many years of service to the Andover business community. This year's winner for distinguished community service is Massachusetts State Sen. Sue Tucker.

According to the event organizers, "As a member of our community and in her capacity as a Massachusetts state senator, Sue Tucker has had a very positive impact on many, many people in both Andover and the surrounding cities and towns. With great energy and dedication, she has made large contributions to the civic well-being of Andover and Greater Lawrence. She is a most deserving recipient of this award."

Born in Kansas, Tucker grew up in Battle Creek, Mich. After graduating magna cum laude from Michigan State University,

she attended graduate school at Boston University, where she met her husband, Mike. While at home for seven years with her two young sons, Tucker began her involvement with community work, taking an active role in the League of Women Voters.

Big Brother/Big Sister, the Andover Fund for Education, the Andover Historical Society, and the Business-Education Collaborative of the Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

Her more formal work in politics began with a stint as a legislative aide for a state representative from Westford. Feeling that she had the "right stuff" to win elective office on the state level, Tucker ran for state representative in a very competitive field in 1982, and won. Her four terms in the State House of Representatives were marked by commitment and many accomplishments, but in 1990, in the midst of a slumping economy, she lost her bid for reelection.

Sue decided to take full advantage of her time away from elective office by embarking on a career as a consultant. She had always been interested in the subject of how government could manage its affairs better and spend taxpayer dollars more wisely. For the next eight years, Tucker immersed herself in the subject of quality management, starting her own business, doing training,

and teaching and facilitating the implementation of quality management techniques both locally and for clients all across the country. It was quality management's implementation within the schools that interested Tucker, the most.

Having been a teacher both in Lexington and at West Middle School in Andover, she saw how important it was to learn from high-performing schools, and for schools to have a business-like sense of innovation and urgency. Her desire to encourage these practical applications of quality management, as well as her interest in the reform of such institutions as the Registry of Motor Vehicles, played a key role in her decision to run for the State Senate in 1998.

While in the Senate, Tucker has earned a reputation as an independent, innovative and responsive leader who makes things happen. Her top legislative priorities have included education improvement, reforming the Registry of Motor Vehicles, fighting auto insurance fraud and expanding opportunities for Massachusetts businesses, which is why she is the highest-rated Democratic Senator by the state's business community, organizers said.

Sen. Tucker has led the effort for change in the state's human service delivery systems; worked to improve out-

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

In honor of Historic Preservation Week in Massachusetts, the Andover Preservation Commission in collaboration with the Andover Historical Society and the Ballard Vale Historic District Commission will recognize "10 outstanding examples of preservation effort within the town of Andover" at the 15th annual preservation award ceremony on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Organizers said, "We invite the community to discover and celebrate our neighbors' efforts in preserving Andover's rich architectural heritage." An exhibit highlighting the award winners will be on display at the library through June.

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association invites families to join a casual exploration of the Shawsheen River in Andover.

The group has canoes, paddles, flotation jackets, and guides available to lead canoe trips between Lowell Junction and the Ballardvale Millpond, about two miles of the scenic Shawsheen River. The SRWA's goal is to expand public awareness of the natural treasures of the Shawsheen, and this kind of guided trip could be the ideal introduction. "The water will be flowing gently, and the banks will be green. Please plan on joining us," organizers said.

The route can be traced online at <http://shawsheen.org/recmap>. This activity is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jack Brady (evenings) at 978-686-7050; or e-mail ShawsheenRiver@comcast.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

The South Church Cemetery Restoration Project received a Preservation Award for Historic Landscape Preservation. South Church trustees are John Booth, Bonnie Zelgler, Dave Stanwood and Charlotte Lyons. The 2005 Preservation Awards will be announced Tuesday, May 17.

The Herb Society of Andover will hold a fund-raising Herb Fair on Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will be at North Andover Common in the Olde Center as part of the annual Sheep Shearing Festival and Craft Show. Nursery plants and plants from members' gardens will be for sale, as well as used herb-

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All That Glitters: New exhibit at the Historical Society

'Tray Ladies' dazzles the eye

THERE'S A NEW EXHIBIT at the Andover Historical Society. "Tray Ladies: Fifty Years of Varnish," on display through June 30, features the collected works of a group of Andover artists who have been painting together for more than 50 years.

The group specializes in decorative painting on tin. Their painting styles vary greatly, from traditional 19th century American stenciled designs to elaborate and elegant freehand paintings of birds and other images. Bronze powders and lavish gold leaf highlights lend a dazzling effect to the collected works.

The exhibit can be viewed Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

"The Tray Ladies" painting group was started 50 years ago by North Andover artist Margaret "Peg" Howe. Howe taught several classes a week in her basement, and among her students were Helen Abbot, Lucy Leland, Polly Bridges, Patsy Short, May Macintosh, Bada

Worthen, Andy Rogers, Peg Thompson, Jean McKee, Ginnie Clark, Carol Butler, Fran Clotworthy, Judith Miller and Phebe Miner. After Howe died, the group moved to Miner's home in Andover, to her sunny laundry room overlooking the garden, where they enjoy cups of hot tea, classical music and each other's company. Today the group — Louise Abbot, Ila Cox, Ann Kent, Judith Miller and Miner — meets weekly to continue the tray painting tradition started by Howe in the 1950s.

"We are each other's teachers and critics, pooling our experience and expertise," says Phebe Miner. "Without exception, the pieces are made for personal use or as gifts — never sold. Not to be overlooked in the tradition and spirit of camaraderie that has inspired them."

The Andover Historical Society has the collected works of "The Tray Ladies" on loan for this exhibit.

Also on display at the society this spring is "A Crowning Glory," a special exhibit of hats

from the collection. On display throughout the historic Blanchard House museum are men's and women's hats from the 19th and 20th centuries. From a 1930s child's "beanie" to an elaborately decorated woman's hat from the 1890s, "A Crowning Glory" delights at every turn, organizers said. This special exhibit will be on display through June, and can be seen Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Andover Historical Society and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum celebrate the history of Andover and the greater Merrimack Valley. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults; \$3 for students and senior citizens; members are admitted free of charge.

The society offers a variety of educational programs to individuals and groups of all ages. For further information about "Tray Ladies" and "A Crowning Glory" call 978-475-2236, or visit the Andover Historical Society online at www.andhist.org.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

"Spring Fling": Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday evening, June 4 when we will be dishing up some fun at our Spring Fling beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. at Old Town Hall. Dinner will include spring salad, boneless stuffed chicken breast, oven-roasted potatoes, julienne vegetables, dinner rolls, beverages and assorted desserts. After-dinner entertainment will include the Sunrise Singers and Sunset Tappers dance troupe, along with some surprise guest artists. Tickets are just \$10, so get a group of friends together and reserve a table. Advance

reservations only.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will be Monday, May 23 at 1 p.m. when we will show the recent hit, *Ladder 49* starring John Travolta.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business again on Monday, May 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

Art Instruction: A new 12-week session of art instruction with Andrea Hart is just getting underway on Monday afternoons. All mediums and levels are welcome in this class, which is geared to individual attention in a supportive atmosphere. Pre-registration is necessary; \$50.

Cardio Circuit Training:

There will be two complimentary "try-out" sessions for those who are interested in seeing what is involved in this type of class. The sessions will take place at Shapes By Design on Friday, May 13 at 2 p.m., and Monday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m. Sign-up is through the senior center only. For further information, contact Pat at the center.

Square Dance Group: We are in the process of forming a square dance group, which is open to anyone who is interested. Introductory sessions will be held every Tuesday in May at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 at the door. Come alone or with a partner. Lots of fun and great exercise as well.

Bird Walks: Every Monday in May, except Memorial Day, with Al and Evelyn Retelle. Head out to local birding spots to catch spring migration. No charge but pre-register. Meet at the center at 7:30 a.m.

Duck Tour & Luncheon Package: We are currently accepting reservations for our Boston Duck Tour followed by lunch at Skip Jack's Restaurant on Wednesday, May 18, leaving the center at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$48, which includes transportation, 90-minute Duck Tour, lunch, and gratuity.

Senior Resource Forum /Coffee Hour: A special feature of our Senior Center Week coffee hour will be a senior resource forum hosted by Rep. Barbara L'Italien today, Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. There are many programs available to seniors that they

may be unaware of, and this will be an opportunity to get information and materials on a variety of programs, including property tax relief, circuit breaker, and pharmacy options including Prescription Advantage.

Men's Breakfast: Our next men's breakfast will take place Friday, May 13 at 8:30 a.m. "Searching For Agent Spencer: Rosebud Sioux Indian Agent" will be the topic for our after-breakfast program. This lecture and PowerPoint presentation focuses on an Indian agent's personal journey and his attempts to conquer and "civilize" the Indians during the period of Manifest Destiny. This true story includes many interesting artifacts from that time period. Advance reservations: \$3.

Skin Screening: Dr. Christine Andersen from Andover Dermatology will conduct a skin screening at the center on Tuesday afternoon, May 24. Call the center at 978-623-8321 to make an appointment.

Stoneham Theater: The senior center will sponsor a trip to the Stoneham Theater on Sunday, May 22 for a 2 p.m. matinee of *The Sunshine Boys*. Variety calls it "convulsingly funny" and one of the best plays of Neil Simon's career. Our special price of \$30 includes both ticket and transportation.

Research Project: The senior center will be participating in an important research study with the Center For Health and Disease Research at UMass Lowell, which will

focus on preventing macular degeneration. If you are interested in participating in the study, which will begin this month, or if you would like more information, contact Pat Becker at the senior center.

E-Mail Class: The center will offer a three-session class on e-mail on Tuesdays, June 7, 14 and 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is necessary. Prerequisite class is computer training for beginners: \$25.

Nutrition Talks: Elizabeth Anderson, dietitian and nutritionist from Merrimack Valley Elder Services, will offer two presentations at the center. On June 15, the topic will be: "Cake & Ice Cream: The New Diabetic Diet." On June 29 the topic will be "Aggravation In the Aisles: Figuring Out the Food Labels." There is no charge for either program, but pre-registration would be appreciated.

Lunch Trip: On Tuesday, June 14 we will head to Boston for lunch at the No Name Restaurant. Menu selections are

available at the center, and we'll also allow some time for browsing in Boston prior to lunch. Cost is \$34 for lunch, gratuity, and bus transportation.

Congressman Meehan on Social Security: "The Future Of Social Security" will be the topic addressed by Rep. Marty Meehan when he visits the center Monday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m. Meehan will discuss the current proposal to privatize the system and how we can strengthen its future without undermining its fundamental promise to all generations. Pre-registration would be appreciated.

Pottery Painting: If you're looking for a unique gift idea for someone, you might be interested in our pottery painting workshops, which will be held at the center Thursdays, June 16 and 23 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. There are 19 different items to choose from, and all materials are supplied. Painted pieces will be glazed and fired and returned to attendees within a week. Cost is \$12; pre-registration is necessary to order the correct materials.



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Den 6 of Cub Scout Pack 77 cleaned up AVIS's Indian Ridge Reservation on April 25 as part of their efforts to earn their Conservation badge. From left are Scouts David Topham, Michael Delaus, Jonathan Slauzis, Arun Padykula, David Kessler, Christopher Schwartz and Daniel Jacavano. Not in the photo: den leader Jay Schwartz and assistant den leader Keith Kessler.

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comes for the children in the state's foster care system; and been a strong and effective voice for children, the elderly and veterans' issues, organizers said. She is a statewide leader on the issue of suicide prevention.

The special guest speaker at the breakfast will be Thomas

Reilly, attorney general of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Reilly will discuss matters of interest to those who live and work in Massachusetts.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Tickets cost \$25 and are available from the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900, or at the door.



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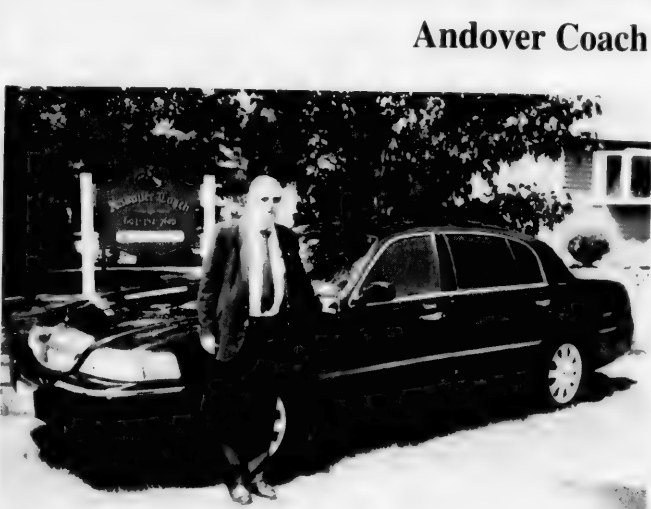
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Navy Seaman Jeffrey L. Balbuena, whose former guardians are J. Kenneth Griffin and Joanne Goulka of Andover, and Navy Seaman Recruit Gregory G. Morissette, son of Garry G. and of Sarah L. Morissette, also of Andover, recently completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Balbuena and Morissette completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Balbuena is a 2001 graduate and Morissette is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Franco D. Taffurelli, son of Sara F. Buttice of Andover, recently deployed on a routine scheduled deployment while assigned to the guided-missile frigate USS Kauffman, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Taffurelli's ship deployed as part of the USS Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group in support of the continuing global war on terrorism.

Guided-missile frigates like USS Kauffman protect ships by serving as anti-submarine warfare combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

Taffurelli, a 2003 graduate of North Andover

High School, joined the Navy in February 2004.

Navy Seaman Hyun Chul Kim, a 2004 graduate of Andover High School, recently returned from a routine, scheduled deployment, while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Spruance, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Kim's ship deployed as part of the USS John F. Kennedy carrier strike group in support of America's ongoing operations in the global war on terrorism.

Kim is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School.

Patrick M. Roy has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

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Roy, a 2001 graduate of Andover High School, is the son of Eugene T. and Eileen Roy of Hidden Way.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

HERB FAIR

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related books. There will also be a raffle. Come early for best selection, organizers urge.

The Andover Sister Town Association will hold its monthly meeting this Sunday, May 15.

The meeting will be at Addison Gallery on the grounds of Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. There will be a business meeting at 2 p.m., followed by a tour of the gallery. There is no charge and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Charlotte Murphy at 978-475-3732.

The 20th annual Sports for Life fund-raiser for the Cancer Management Center at Caritas Holy Family Hospital will kick off May 21 with a 38-mile sea-coast bike ride from Salisbury State Reservation.

The celebration continues on Sunday, May 22 with a 5K-walk/run right at the hospital in Methuen. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the walk/run begins at

10, followed by a barbecue for all participants.

Honorary chairperson Susie Castillo, Miss USA 2003, will be on hand to join schoolchildren as they walk. Information on signing up for Susie's Team and other details are available at www.hfhsportsforlife.org; or by calling 978-687-0151.

The Andover Inn announced the start of its 16th annual White Asparagus Festival. This European tradition featuring "White Gold" (white asparagus) has grown over the years to become a major event, heralded each year by "in-the-know diners." The Andover Inn has the white asparagus flown in twice each week from the Netherlands. Chef Stella then creates dishes at both lunch and dinner while the supply lasts.

Marc Broekhoff, general manager at the Inn, said, "This is an exciting time of year at the Inn. Hundreds of diners call every year to check on the dates that we will be running the White Asparagus Festival. We

have even had people fly in for the festival and stay overnight."

Broekhoff said the festival will run from today, May 12, through the end of June.

Andover preservation teams will travel to Haverhill this Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the first-ever regional Preservation and Arts History Conference.

Andover's Planning Department, the Andover Preservation Commission, Andover Historical Society, historic house-mover Mike Ristuccia, Andover teacher and artist Jim Batchelder, musician and teacher Mike Finegold, and artist Dianne Delucia join the Merrimack Valley Preservation Group Inc. in making history by presenting what they know about the arts and preservation.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Sparkling spring for varsity teams

It's a bumper crop of tournament-eligible AHS teams; many fighting for MVC crowns

By Rick Harrison

There will be plenty of MIAA tournament action in June for Andover High spring-season varsity sports teams.

That became more than speculation over the past week when Division 1 North berths were nailed down by six AHS squads including baseball, boys volleyball, girls tennis, boys tennis, girls lacrosse and boys lacrosse.

Softball is on the verge of making it a clean sweep for the locals, at presstime needing just two more wins to qualify.

Seven of the nine Warrior teams are also in the thick of the fight for Merrimack Valley Conference championships, three standing alone in first place, two tied for first and two just one game out entering yesterday's action.

The overall won-lost record for Andover varsity teams thus far this spring is 65-17.

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Highlighting this past week:

Girls lacrosse won a hard-fought 9-7 decision over Billerica in a showdown between the two most powerful teams in the MVC.

Girls and boys tennis remained undefeated in conference play.

Girls and boys track had several multiple event winners in a sweep of MVC dual meets against Haverhill.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High boys varsity volleyball team clinched its 15th Division 1 North Tournament berth in the last 18 years with a solid 2-0 Merrimack Valley Conference sweep of Dracut at the Dunn Gym.

The Golden Warriors also blanked Westford Academy, 2-0, and dropped a 2-0 decision to unbeaten Lawrence in road matches.

Those results left AHS at 12-4 overall and 11-4 in the MVC.

Schedule

Coach George Sullivan's Andover crew traveled to Methuen yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and this afternoon (Thursday) the locals are at Lowell for a 5:30 p.m. varsity start at the Riddick Field House.

The regular season wraps up with three more matches next Wednesday night at Chelmsford (7 p.m.), Thursday home versus Haverhill on the annual "Senior Night" and Monday, May 23 at St. John's Prep in Danvers.

Lawrence 2

Andover 0

The undefeated Lancers (14-0) were even tougher the second time around, handling the visiting Golden Warriors in convincing 30-16, 30-20 fashion.

"Lawrence presents a definite challenge and you have to step up to compete with them," said AHS head coach George Sullivan.

"Their intimidating middle hit-

ters kept banging the ball 90 miles per hour with no let up. They're tall and because of our height disadvantage we didn't get many successful blocks.

"Most of our points came on Lawrence errors," added Sullivan. "We just couldn't get an attack generated."

"They were in total control and we didn't have many chances to respond."

Andover managed only 54 hits in the game, 32 of them from two players as junior Jerry Mohan went 17-for-20 with six kills and junior Luke Bruno 12-for-12 with four kills.

Junior Alex Levine also had a solid match at net with 7-for-9 and one kill.

Serves were also at a premium, Darren McRoy 6-for-7 with the team's only two aces.

Mohan finished 5-for-5 serving, Pardeep Thandi 5-for-6 and Tyler Carroll 6-for-8. Sam Silverman, Chris James and Mike Gianopoulos were all 3-for-3.

The Golden Warriors went 46-for-54 hitting and 30-for-35 serving, both 85 percent, with just 11 kills and two aces.

Lawrence also swept Andover 2-0 in the season opener for both teams on April 4.

With redemption in mind, AHS could get a third shot at the Lancers in the Division 1 North Tournament.

The Andover JVs also lost 2-0 in the prelim by game scores of 30-17 and 30-21.

Andover 2

Dracut 0

In one of its most overpowering performances of the season, AHS completed a series sweep of the visiting Middies with a 30-15, 30-16 romp at the Dunn Gym.

"We totally dominated the first game," said Sullivan. "The second was close until we took off midway through when Jerry (Mohan) began cranking the ball and we started serving better."

Mohan finished the match 15-for-18 hitting, with 11 kills, while other top netmen were Luke Bruno (8-for-9, five kills), Alex Levine (10-for-10, four kills), Chris James (4-for-5, three kills), Nick Assad (3-

for-5, two kills) and Pat Hughes (3-for-3, two kills).

The only two aces were served up by Pardeep Thandi (10-for-10) and Sam Silverman (9-for-9).

Darren McRoy was 14-for-15 serving and 3-for-3 hitting, while Tyler Carroll contributed 10-for-10 serving, Mike Gianopoulos 4-for-4 and Mohan 4-for-5.

Alex Day went 3-for-4 hitting, with one kill, and Matt Jacobs was 2-for-2 both hitting and serving.

As a team, AHS finished 58-for-67 hitting (87 percent) with 28 kills and 53-for-55 serving (96 percent).

Defensively, the winners passed the ball with 90 percent accuracy.

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The AHS junior varsity dropped a 2-1 decision in the prelim, Dracut prevailing 30-19, 28-30, 15-9.

Playing well for Andover were Kyle Butler (hitting), Massoud Kohistani (serving), Nathan Casto (defense) and John Henry Heckendorn (defense).

Andover 2

Westford Academy 0

This was a big league win over the host Grey Ghosts, as AHS completed a season series sweep with a 30-20, 30-24 triumph.

"Our kids were pumped and the excitement carried over to their play on the court," said coach Sullivan. "This one was important for both teams in regard to the league standings."

"Westford has a couple kids who can bang the ball - but today we blocked very well and neutralized them."

Jerry Mohan and Luke Bruno continued their terrific play up front, the former 16-for-19 hitting with 10 kills and the latter 15-for-19 with seven kills.

Nick Assad finished 8-for-8 with three kills, while Alex Levine was a force with 8-for-12 and three kills.

Chalking up two kills each were Darren McRoy (8-for-10) and Chris James (7-for-10).

Sam Silverman produced the only ace of the match for the Golden Warriors, going 13-for-13 serving, while Pardeep Thandi and McRoy were both 10-for-11.

Mike Gianopoulos contributed 9-for-10 serving and Mohan was 6-for-7.



Second singles Jeremy Hogan reaches to return a volley.



First singles Dave Adams returns a serve as Andover hosts Lowell. Adams defeated the Red Raiders' No. 1 singles, Alvaro Soares, by scores of 6-1, 6-1.

Defensively, Silverman was 18-for-19 passing and Thandi a perfect 14-for-14.

Tyler Carroll also played well while outside hitter Matt Jacobs sat out the match with a neck injury.

Andover went 65-for-81 hitting (80 percent), with 27 kills, and 60-for-65 serving (92 percent). The locals were also 86-for-94 passing (92 percent).

The Andover JVs (6-10) were beaten 2-0 in the prelim, Westford winning by game scores of 30-17 and 30-15.

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team improved to 7-0 in the Merrimack Valley Conference, completing the first half of the league schedule alone in first place after impressive 5-0 wins over Lowell and former unbeaten co-leader Chelmsford.

At presstime, the only team the locals hadn't faced and beaten was Haverhill - but that should have happened yesterday when Andover

hosted the Hillies at the AHS courts.

Overall the Golden Warriors are 7-2 with non-league losses to potential Division 1 North Tournament foes Reading and St. John's Prep of Danvers.

Andover has qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament 21 straight years under coach Mike Wartman.

Schedule

AHS hosted Haverhill yesterday, and today (Thursday) they host Lawrence in the second of six straight home matches (3:30 p.m.).

The annual North Sectional Individual Singles & Doubles Tournament, which runs over several weekends, begins this Saturday and Sunday with the boys playing single-elimination matches in Chelmsford.

The tourney comes the morning after tomorrow night's annual AHS prom.

Andover 5

Lowell 0

AHS took no prisoners while

completing the season series sweep of Lowell at the AHS courts.

"We had five kids taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams at the time of the match," said coach Wartman. "That presented a perfect opportunity for several kids to step in and make their first start."

Such as freshman Jason Lasser and sophomore Rustin Zarkar at second doubles, who responded with an impressive 6-0, 6-0 sweep of Lowell's Jordan Ellis and Adam Youngblood.

"Jason and Austin were patient and played under control," said Wartman. "They looked like they had been playing together for some time."

At first doubles, Julian Vastl and Seth Johnson were almost as efficient in a 6-0, 6-1 romp over Peter Theodoros and Josh DaSilva.

"Julian and Seth volleyed as well as they ever have," said Wartman.

Singles also went quickly and smoothly for the locals as Dave Adams trimmed the Red Raiders' Alvaro Soares 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 and Steve Ochs topped Justin Lipomi by the same score at No. 3.

Jeremy Hogan also dominated at No. 2 with a 6-1, 6-0 conquest of Titto Vann.

"All three singles took control of their match by coming to the net and shortening the points," said Wartman.

"The Lowell kids deserve a lot of credit. They work hard but Andover kids just play many more hours of tennis."

Andover 5

Chelmsford 0

The Golden Warriors handed host Chelmsford its first conference loss (6-2 overall, 4-1 MVC), and in so doing grabbed sole possession of first place in the league standings.

But it wasn't quite as easy as it looked.

"Before the match we talked about the importance of playing steady and consistent tennis," said coach Wartman. "We wanted to play smart and make as few unforced errors as possible - because Chelmsford is our strongest league challenger and a team that can capitalize."

"We played high-percentage tennis by setting up a lot of points from the baseline. And we implemented everything we had been practicing," said Wartman.

Dave Adams set the tone at first singles with an impressive 6-4, 6-4 sweep of Lions' talented second-year No. 1 Alex Loyer.

"This was Loyer's first MVC loss - and even though Dave swept, the match took about 2 1/2 hours to complete," said Wartman. "There were a lot of long points and both sets stayed on serve except for one break."

Jeremy Hogan trimmed Jason Velazquez 6-1, 6-2 at second singles, while Josh Caplan was a 6-2, 6-2 victor over the Lions' Corey Duggan at No. 3.

Second doubles was a tussle as Seth Davidovits and Julian Vastl pounded out a 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 decision over Hahn Lin and Gauthan

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BOYS TENNIS

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Mike Zakin and Eric Krupnic were again sharp at first doubles in a 6-3, 6-1 sweep of Ken Sims and Alex Ciampa.

"These two teams are a lot closer than the 5-0 score," said Wartman. "They'll be even tougher the second time around (May 24)."

GIRLS TENNIS

The Andover High girls tennis machine remained invincible, improving to 9-0 overall and 8-0 in Merrimack Valley Conference play with three more 5-0 whitewashes of Lowell, second-place Chelmsford and Tewksbury.

The Lady Warriors have now won 245 straight conference matches and 319 of their last 320.

The win over runner-up Chelmsford also clinched another Division 1 North Tournament berth for the Lady Warriors.

"We're a little more than halfway through the season and we're still experimenting in doubles - looking for the best combinations," said AHS coach Dave Hughes.

"Everyone we put out there has played well. We have outstanding depth and hopefully we can keep everyone happy. It's a nice problem to have."

Schedule

Andover played at Haverhill yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and treks to Merrimack College on Monday to battle Central Catholic.

There is also a JV scrimmage match this afternoon against crosstown rival Phillips Academy. All matches start at 3:30 p.m.

The annual North Sectional Individual Singles & Doubles Tournament, which runs over several weekends, begins this Saturday and Sunday with the girls playing single-elimination matches in Wayland.

The tourney comes the morning after tomorrow night's annual AHS prom, with five of the Lady Warriors' Sectional entrants planning to attend the prom as well.

Andover 5

Lowell 0

Sophomore Caroline Koch moved to first singles for this match, while sophomore Rikki Sartor and junior Shannon Fitzgerald played their first singles matches of the season.

All three were convincing winners. Koch 6-2, 6-0 over Lowell's Leah Romanowsky, Sartor 6-2, 6-0 versus Leia Friedman and Fitzgerald 6-1, 6-4 against Alyson Boehm.

Juniors Meredith Levenson and Liz McPartland were in sync at first doubles, registering a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over the Red Raiders' Emily Smith and Caitlin Decker.

AHS duo Heather Arvidson and Kristina Black, fresh off their first-place finish in the inaugural MVC JV Tournament, rolled past Natalie Kyriazidis and Katelyn Glover 6-1, 6-1.

In exhibition doubles matches, freshman Athena Lynch won twice with different partners. She and Hannah Hoerner prevailed 6-0, 6-4 and Lynch was a 6-0, 6-0 victor with Rachel Wetmore.

Andover 5

Chelmsford 0

Both teams entered the match with perfect 6-0 conference records, and 90 minutes later the Lady Warriors stood alone atop the MVC standings.

"Chelmsford definitely has the deepest lineup we've seen this season among league teams," said coach Hughes.

But it didn't do the visiting Lions (6-2, 6-1 MVC) much good as AHS rolled at all but first doubles, which went the three-set distance before

JooHee Yoon and Capt. Jodi Richard pulled out a 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3 victory over stubborn Jenna Vitale and Jenn Byrne.

"The tiebreaker was the first set we've lost in doubles this season," said Hughes. "It was good to see a close doubles match - and to see it go our way. The experience can only help JooHee and Jodi."

Second doubles was easier as Lindsay Davidson and Rikki Sartor slapped Erin Sullivan and Caroline Hayes 6-2, 6-0.

Hannah Zarkar and Capt. Christie Spang won their first and third singles matches by identical 6-0, 6-2 counts over the Lions' Courtney Walsh and Swetha Shanbhag.

Caroline Koch was a 6-1, 6-0 victor against Vivian Tang at second singles.

"The lineup we used today will be the one we enter at the Sectionals," said Hughes.

In exhibition doubles matches, Andover winners were Meredith Levenson and Heather Arvidson (6-0, 6-1), Emma Haak and Liz McPartland (6-0, 6-0), Shannon Fitzgerald and Kristina Black (6-2, 6-1), Hannah Herner and Rachel Wetmore (6-0, 6-3), Athena Lynch and McPartland (6-1, 6-0).

Andover 5

Tewksbury 0

Hannah Zarkar, who once again found herself in a battle at first singles, emerged a 6-4, 6-4 winner over Tewksbury's scrappy Katie MacDonald.

"There are quite a few good players in the league at first singles this year," said coach Hughes. "Hannah faced an experienced senior who has played everyone tough this season, including Amanda Carroll (Central Catholic)."

"Hannah did a nice job closing out the match, serving aggressively in the 10th game of the second set with a 5-4 lead. That will boost her confidence when the same situation comes up down the road."

Second and third singles produced identical 6-0, 6-0 romps for Andover's Christie Spang and Kristina Black over Ashley Lefebvre and Shannon O'Neil of TMHS.

It was the second match of the season at No. 3 singles for Black.

Liz McPartland and junior Patty Collins, playing together for the first time at second doubles, rolled to a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over Julie MacDonald and Barrett Richtmeyer.

JooHee Yoon and Jodi Richard never let Vickie Wong and Amanda Watkins get started, the AHS first doubles tandem rolling 6-0, 6-0.

Athena Lynch and Hannah Hoerner won the only exhibition match, 6-0, 6-1.

TRACK & FIELD

Outstanding individual performances by Felicia Thompson, Meghan Keefe, Brittany and Caroline Pierce, Chris Cole and Jason Sheldon sparked the Andover High girls and boys track teams to Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet wins over host Haverhill at the Anthony Sapienza Track.

The Lady Warriors improved to 2-0 with a 97-48 romp over the Hillies, while the AHS boys registered an 81-64 triumph to move their record to 2-0.

Schedule

AHS hosted Chelmsford yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, in an MVC dual meet at Lovely Field. The 48th annual Andover Boosters Invitational is scheduled for this Saturday at Lovely (10 a.m.).

Andover girls 97

Haverhill 48

The Lady Warriors put this meet away with a huge 55-8 scoring edge in the seven field events, while the teams were almost even on the track.

Andover swept the top three

places in five of the 17 events, the pole vault, long jump, high jump, 100-meter high hurdles and 100 meter dash.

Grabbing a pair of victories each for AHS were Felicia Thompson, in the shot put (33'2") and discus (118'5"), and Meghan Keefe the long jump (16'4") and 100 hurdles (16.4).

Brittany Pierce was first in the triple jump (33'8") and second in the 100 hurdles (16.4), while twin sister Caroline Pierce won the 100-meter dash (13.2) and finished runner-up in the long jump (15'8").

Adding solo wins for AHS were pole vaulter Libby Fortier (8 feet), Kasey O'Dea in the javelin (90'5"), high jumper Kerry Hill (4'8") and Emily Korba (400 meters, 61.7).

The locals swept both relays, the 4x100 sprint with the Pierce sisters, Jenny Dlesk, Christina Muccio (50.9) and the 4x400 composed of Michelle Pirro, Jen Merinder, Bizz DiTroia and Carver.

The most exciting race of the day was the mile, where AHS standout Brittany Moriarty crossed in 5:21.9 which was a split-second and quarter-stride behind winner Colleen McNaughton of Haverhill (5:21.3).

Second place finishers in the field events were pole vaulter Lauren Keefe (7'6"), shot putter Sarah Thompson (30'8"), Kara Bularzik (discus, 79'6") and high jumper Carolyn Dampousse (4'6").

Muccio contributed second in the 100 meters (13.2) and third in the long jump (15'6 1/2").

Lauren Vivian was second in the 300 hurdles (52.1).

Caroline Hodge notched a pair of thirds in the 100 hurdles (17.4) and 300 hurdles (52.2).

Also placing third for the Lady Warriors were pole vaulter Colleen Heath (7 feet), Kelly O'Dea in the javelin (71'11"), triple jumper Kelly Morrissey (30'5"), high jumper Jen Ravikumar (4'6"), Dlesk (100 meters, 13.3), Christina Conley (800 meters, 2:37.8) and two-miler Pirro (12:34.3).

Andover boys 81

Haverhill 64

Chris Cole was an impressive 15-point triple winner for AHS in the discus (128'4"), 110-meter high hurdles (15.5) and 300-meter intermediate hurdles (41.7).

Jason Sheldon also placed in three events with victories in the 100-meter dash (11.6), 200 meters (23.3) and a second in the long jump (19'7").

Dave Checrallah was first in the javelin (165'6") and a close second in the discus (128'1"), while also first was pole vaulter Gabe Greeley (11 feet).

Racing to victory in the 4x100 sprint relay was the team of Alex Perry, Mike Mullen, Eric Donahue and Jeff Belardo (45.9).

Mike Cerchione (46'6") and Kyle MacKenzie (45'4") were 2-3 in the shot put, while John Kim (121'9") completed the sweep in the discus.

Justin Ferguson finished second in the javelin (138'9") and third in the high jump (5'4").

Other runners-up included two-miler James Primes (10:03.0), triple jumper Norbert Guery (37'10"), high jumper Andy Wheelwright (5'6"), 110 hurdler Tom Jackson (19.2), sprinter Jason Perry (100 meters, 11.7), Pierre Hage (400 meters, 52.0) and Ben Ossoff (800 meters, 2:05.3).

Adding thirds were Vasili Kostakis, in both the 200 meters (24.2) and 400 meters (52.2), pole vaulter Randy Labrecque (10 feet), long jumper Alex Perry (18'7") and 300 hurdler Brandon Richardson (47.8).

MVC Frosh/Soph Meet Boys Division

Andover had several strong performances in the boys division of the Merrimack Valley Conference Freshman/Sophomore Meet at Cawley Memorial Stadium in Lowell.

The top six finishers scored but

there were no overall team standings.

Chalking up individual victories were pole vaulter Randy Labrecque (10 feet), high jumper Andy Wheelwright (5'4") and long jumper Santiago Costello (17'11").

Norbert Guery was second in the triple jump (39' 1/2"), while thirds went to miler Frank Perrone (4:46.0), high jumper Tom Jackson (5'2"), 300-meter intermediate hurdler Nick Milley (46.1) and Costello (200 meters, 25.0).

Wheelwright added a fourth in the pole vault (9'6") and Matt McMahon in the 110-meter high hurdles (19.73).

Pete Shaw was fifth in the mile (4:51.2), while other fifths were nailed down by freshman Josh Infantine in the 800 meters (2:17.1), Greg Moore in the javelin (111'2"), shot putter J.B. Israel (38'4 1/2") and sprinter Mike Mullen in the 200 meters (25.7).

Placing sixth were 300 hurdler Greg Moore (47.9) and freshman pole vaulter Roger Tse (9'0").

Relay teams that placed were the freshman 4x800 quartet (3rd, 11:44.7), the 4x400 foursome (4th, 4:00.6), the 4x100 sprint crew (tie 4th, 49.0) and the 4x800 squad (4th, 9:17.9).

Girls Division

Top performers for the Lady Warriors in the girls division of the MVC Freshman/Sophomore Meet at the Sapienza Track in Haverhill included Kasey O'Dea, Carolyn Dampousse and Caroline Hodge.

O'Dea placed first in the javelin with a winning throw of 89'10".

Dampousse captured second in the high jump, clearing 4'6," and Hodge was third in the 100-meter high hurdles (17.6).

SOFTBALL

Strong pitching performances by Caitlin Carpenter and Katie Anderson, against Billerica and Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro, respectively, carried the Andover High varsity softball team to a pair of victories that inched the locals closer to a Division 1 North Tournament berth.

The two wins, sandwiched around an 8-2 loss to red-hot Lowell, left coach Stephanie Ragucci's crew at 8-5 overall and 5-4 for second place (behind Dracut) in Division 2 of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Lady Warriors must win two of their final seven regular season games to qualify for the tourney an eighth straight year.

"We plan to win a lot more than two games," said Ragucci. "If we can't do that we don't deserve to be in the tourney."

Schedule

Andover hoped to reduce the magic number to one yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, when it played at Lawrence which fell to AHS 5-2 on April 22.

Today the Lady Warriors host MVC 2 leader Dracut (11-1), whose only loss at presstime was to Andover, 3-2, on April 20.

It would be fitting to have AHS make the tournament by completing a season series sweep of the mighty Middies.

AHS plays its final five regular season games away from home, including next Monday night versus Central Catholic at Merrimack College (7 p.m.).

Andover 12

Notre Dame Academy 2

Sophomore Katie Anderson, pitching just days after suffering a broken nose and four-stitch gash when hit by a thrown ball in pregame warmups, fired a complete-game four-hitter to boost her record to 3-0 this spring.

Anderson wore a special cage mask and goggles to protect her face.

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SOFTBALL

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"She'll keep the extra gear on until she feels comfortable without it," said coach Ragucci. "It could be a couple days or a couple weeks."

"Katie was fortunate because her nose does not appear bent in any way. Considering what happened her face looks good."

Anderson had plenty of early support versus NDA as the Lady Warriors leapt to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first. It was 9-0 after five and the locals capped their attack with three seventh-inning runs.

Sophomore Allie Navarro led the way with three hits, two runs scored and an RBI.

Contributing a hit, two RBI and a run scored each were Summer Key and Sydney Layne, while Maria Nasta smacked a hit, scored twice and drove in a run.

Tamar Brady also scored twice for the locals.

Lowell 8
Andover 2

Host Lowell (5-6, 4-4 MVC), riding a four-game win streak after a slow start, put it all together at just the wrong time as far as Andover was concerned.

"We didn't come with our best game," said Ragucci. "We always have a tough time with Lowell, but in this one we just fell apart. The second inning was as poorly as we've played this season."

That five-run second was pivotal, and more than enough for winning pitcher Danielle Hebert who scattered eight hits and fanned seven to notch the triumph at Martin Field in Lowell.

Lady Warriors' pitcher Caitlin Carpentier had no trouble solving Hebert's serves, as she finished 3-for-4 with a triple, RBI and run scored.

The rest of the lineup struggled, however, with Tamar Brady, Maria Nasta, Sydney Layne, Emily Cummings and Kerry Haugh contributing one safety each.

Nasta scored the other run and Layne had the RBI - as AHS struck for both its tallies in the top of the third.

All five Lowell runs in the second stanza were unearned. Carpentier also yielded eight hits, fanned three and walked one.

Allison Marcotte sparked the Lowell attack, going 2-for-3 and smoking a key two-run triple in the second.

Leadoff batter Katie Hebert contributed three hits, including a pair of triples, and she also collected two RBI and scored twice.

Andover 3
Billerica 1

Bouncing back smartly three days after the loss to Lowell, AHS scored solo runs in each of the first three innings and received a solid pitching performance from Caitlin Carpentier.

Carpentier fired a complete-game four-hitter, struck out seven and walked two.

Julianne Babcock was a hard-luck loser for BMHS (4-9), yielding only three hits and one earned run.

In the bottom of the first Maria Nasta led off by ripping a triple to her favorite slab of real estate, left-center, and when the relay throw was bobbled she rounded third and scored.

Tamar Brady reached on an error, stole second and scored when Emily Cummings' grounder was misplayed to make it 2-0 in the second.

The insurance run came when Nasta beat out a bunt, took second on a sacrifice by Allie Navarro, and eventually crossed on a passed ball and throwing error in the third.

Billerica got on the board in the fourth when Jenny Lucey drew a one-out walk and scored on Sara Croke's triple.

Carpentier averted further trouble by fanning the next two batters to end the inning - leaving Croke stranded at third.

The Indians also threatened in the sixth, putting runners at first and second with two outs before Carpentier escaped with a K.

Nasta finished 2-for-3 and Cummings singled for Andover.

Defensively, catcher Becky Cairns was a standout as she gunned down a would-be Billerica base-stealer.

BASEBALL

The Andover High varsity baseball team rode another strong pitching performance by lefty ace Dan Godefroi, who scattered five hits and fanned five, to a 9-3 Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 victory over visiting Chelmsford Tuesday afternoon at Aumais Park.

The triumph, which followed a 4-3 loss to Haverhill in a battle of MVC division co-leaders, qualified the locals for the Division 1 North Tournament.

At presstime the Golden Warriors were 10-2 overall including 7-2 in conference play.

Andover has now qualified for the MIAA Tournament 31 of the last 35 years.

Schedule

AHS hosted Lawrence yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and plays away today (Thursday) against Central Catholic at Merrimack College (3:30 p.m.).

Monday the locals host Lowell at Aumais Park, hoping to avenge a recent 7-6 loss to the Red Raiders

that knocked AHS from the unbeaten ranks.

Andover 9
Chelmsford 3

AHS scored in every inning except the second, taking a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first and stretching it to 8-0 before Chelmsford ruined Godefroi's shutout bid with three runs in the sixth.

Godefroi also had a solid day at the plate, going 3-for-4 with one of three Golden Warrior triples, two RBI and two runs scored.

Paul Malaguti added a pair of safeties to the nine-hit attack, while Matt Hogan rapped a triple and scored a pair of runs.

Greg Carroll tripled and Hennessy brothers Matt and Andrew each had a hit and scored a run.

Godefroi's complete-game victory hiked his season record to 4-0.

Andover completed a season series sweep of the Lions, having beaten Chelmsford (5-7 record) by the identical 9-3 score on April 22.

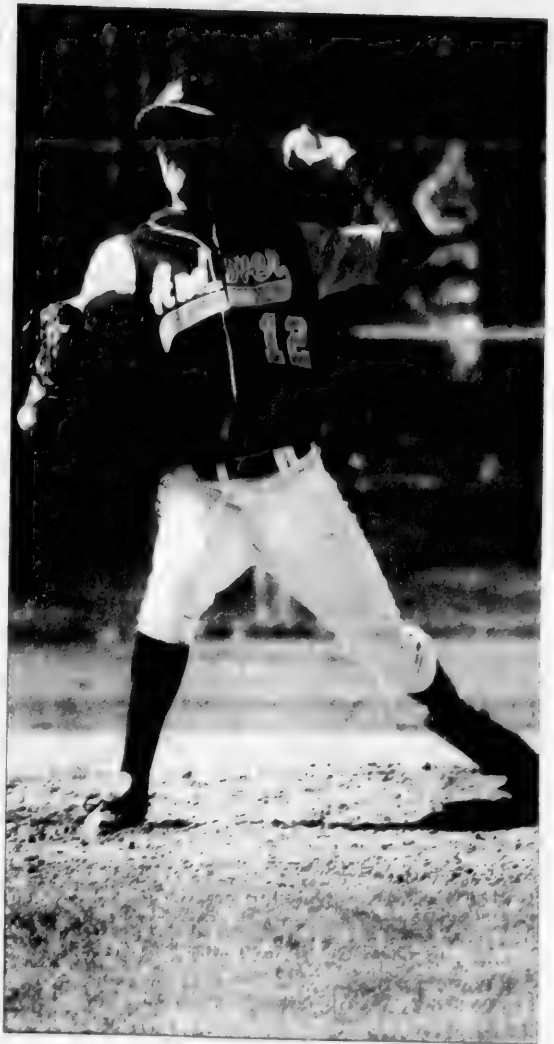
Haverhill 4
Andover 3

Playing its fourth straight game decided by one or two runs, the Golden Warriors grabbed a 2-0 lead after three innings before the host Hillies rallied for a run in the fourth and three in the fifth under the lights at Haverhill Stadium.

For AHS, which out-hit Haverhill 8-5 and squandered several excellent scoring opportunities, leadoff batter Matt Iorio went 3-for-4 with an RBI while Greg Carroll and Matt Hennessy added a pair of safeties and a ribbie each.

Andover's three .400 hitters - Hogan, Godefroi and Malaguti -

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Dan Godefroi gave the Golden Warriors another strong pitching performance as Andover bested Chelmsford, 9-3.

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AHS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

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were a combined 1-for-9 at the plate.

Haverhill lefty ironman Mike Fantini went the distance on the mound, hiking his record to 5-0 with a complete-game performance.

GIRLS LACROSSE

In the biggest game of the season thus far, the Andover High girls varsity lacrosse team established full control of the Merrimack Valley Conference with a 9-7 showdown victory over perennial power Billerica.

The Lady Warriors also rolled to a 16-7 non-league win over Lexington to complete a season series sweep of the Minutemaids (14-5 earlier).

The results left coach John McVeigh's club at 10-1 overall and 4-0 in MVC play.

Schedule

AHS will host Chelmsford this afternoon at the Doherty Middle School (3:30 p.m.).

On Saturday night Concord-Carlisle will be at Lovely Field for the makeup of a rained-out non-leaguer. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

The rapid-fire rematch with Billerica is next Tuesday night under the lights at Lovely Field (7 p.m.).

Leading scorers

Capt. Maggie Lamond led the balanced AHS point parade after 10 games (Lexington not included) with 21 goals and 20 assists for 41.

Swift sophomore Rachel Fox is the top goalscorer with 26, and she also has nine assists for 35 points, while senior Capt. Kate Nichols boasts 19 goals and 16 assists for 35.

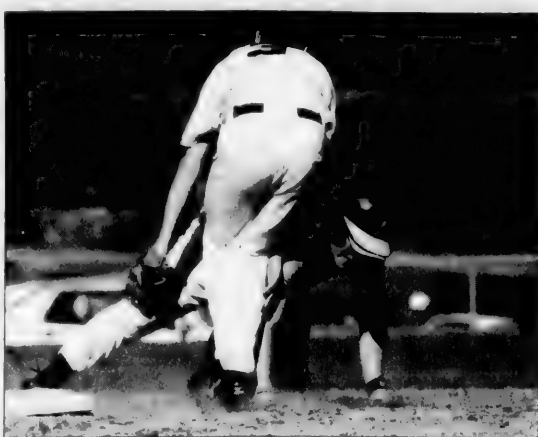


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Matt Hennessy slides safely into second base with a steal against Chelmsford.

Andover 9
Billerica 7

The Lady Warriors erased a 5-3 halftime deficit under the lights at the Marshall Middle School in Billerica, pulling away for the win after a pair of clutch late goals by Jacqui Munro.

Maggie Lamond was again crucial to the attack, producing a hat trick and setting up two goals for a five-point night.

Rachel Fox and Munro pocketed two goals each, while Kate Nichols delivered a goal and two assists. Junior attack Casey Salois notched an assist.

The shots, 25 apiece, were a good indication of how evenly matched these two lax powers are.

In net for AHS, Elissa Slovin made eight saves in the first half and Leslie Barber 10 in the second half when the locals rallied.

Alli Faiola paced Billerica with three goals and an assist, while Rachel Robichaud contributed two goals and Lauren Glavin one goal, two assists.

Jamie-Lee Whiteway made 16 saves for BMHS, a deceptive 3-7 overall after being forced to forfeit five wins because of an ineligible player. The Indians are 3-2 in MVC play.

BOYS LACROSSE

Despite a furious late-game charge, the Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team dropped an agonizing 12-11 overtime decision to Chelmsford in a key Merrimack Valley Conference game played at the McCarthy Middle School field in Chelmsford.

The loss left coach Wayne Puglisi's squad at 7-3 overall and 3-2 in conference games.

Leading scorers

Junior midfielder Buddy Farnham was Andover's top point producer through the first 10 games, with 20 goals and seven assists.

Junior attack Mike Lamagna was second with 17 goals, six assists.

Schedule

Andover hosted fellow MVC powerhouse Billerica yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, with the Indians (11-1, 5-1 MVC) hoping to avenge their only loss of the season (6-5 on April 29).

The Golden Warriors are off until next Tuesday when they travel to Lowell, and the final regular season home game is next Thursday night under the Lovely Field lights (7 p.m.) against Central Catholic.

Chelmsford 12
Andover 11 (ot)

This tough overtime loss to the Lions, who also trimmed AHS 13-8 on April 8, came after the Golden Warriors mounted a furious late-game rush that erased an 11-5 deficit in the final five minutes of regulation.

The dramatic comeback was negated, however, when Chelmsford's Luke Metraw fired a hard shot into the AHS net just 30 seconds into the first four-minute sudden-death overtime.

Junior A.J. Drivas had a huge offensive game for Andover, pumping in a season-high five goals and setting up a sixth, while Mike Lamagna produced three goals, two assists and Buddy Farnham 3 goals, one setup in a three-pronged attack.

Senior midfielders Eric Hanson and Luke Bryden contributed an assist apiece.

Goaltender Zach Gostanian was credited with 17 saves.

Chelmsford led virtually the

entire game, including 3-0 after one quarter, 3-2 at half and 8-5 entering the fourth period.

This marked the locals' first one-goal loss of 2005 after three earlier one-goal victories over Lincoln-Sudbury (5-4), Lexington (8-7) and Billerica (6-5).

Metraw finished with four goals for the Lions (7-2), Tim Ivers added three, Mike Adamson a goal, four assists and Andy Curtis a goal, three assists.

Practices will be held from June 13-23 and there is a banquet for all players and coaches on June 22 at Lantana's in Randolph.

Golden Warriors' 2004 captain Muccio, a 5'9", 218-pound line-backer and fullback, was an inspirational leader who scored 18 points, a ferocious lead blocker for the prolific running game and one of the team's top tacklers.

Cerchione, a 6'4", 255-pound two-way tackle, excelled at pass blocking and stopping opponents' running games.

The Lowell Jr. Lock Monsters 94 Squirt Major placed second in the AAA select New England Hockey League.

Team members include Stephen Brighton of Andover.

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OBITUARIES

Patrick Alan Carrio

'99 Merrimack College grad dies after accident

Patrick Alan Carrio, 32, of Andover, a co-owner of America's Mattress, died Friday, May 6, at UMass Medical Center in Worcester, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

He was the husband of Leslie (Morgan) Carrio of Andover.

Born in Houston, Texas, he was the beloved son of Frank and Dianne (Feaster) Carrio of Chester, N.H.

Mr. Carrio was a 1999 graduate of Merrimack College in North Andover. Mr. Carrio and his brother, Michael Carrio, were co-owners of America's Mattress Stores and had locations in Auburn, Keene, N.H., Peterborough, N.H., and Manchester, N.H. They operated the business together for several years.

Mr. Carrio was also an Army veteran.

In addition to his wife and parents, members of his family include two sons, Carter and Quinton Carrio, both of Andover; three brothers, Frank Carrio Jr. of Methuen, Michael and his wife Michelle Carrio of Troy, N.H. and Jason and his wife Stephanie Carrio of Methuen; paternal grandmother, Irene Carrio of Texas; father-in-law, Walter "Fred" and his wife Anne Morgan of Andover; mother-in-law, Joan Morgan of Westford; one sister-in-law, Laura and her husband Scott Martin of Chicago, Ill.; and a niece and two nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Education Fund, FBO Carter and Quinton Carrio, c/o Bank of America, 23 Main St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Elaine S. Perry

Formerly of Andover

Elaine S. Perry, 65, of South Yarmouth and formerly of Andover, died Friday, May 6 at the home of a dear friend, after recently being diagnosed with cancer.

She was born in Ludlow, on Jan. 14, 1940 and was raised in Springfield.

She graduated in 1958 from Graduate High School of Commerce in Springfield.

She resided in Andover until 1988, when she became a full-time resident of Cape Cod.

She was administrative assistant to chief executive officer of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce.

She volunteered at the Weston Maternity Hospital in Springfield and on the Barnstable

County Lyme Disease Task Force.

In her involvement with the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, she wrote tourism grants for Cape Cod and initiated the first publication of the *Cape Cod Cook Book*.

She was an active member of the East Church Congregational in Springfield, and West Parish Church in Andover.

She was the widow of Leonard W. Perry.

Members of her family include her daughters, Karin J. Perry of Hopkinton; Janet Wasserman of Scituate; Ellen Perry Still of Mansfield; and Sarah Bilger of Raleigh, N.C.; a brother, Arthur Savage of Ventura, Calif.; sister, Nancy Lennon of Venice, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elaine S. Perry Scholarship Fund, c/o the Cape Cod Community College Education Foundation, 2240 Iyanough Road, West Barnstable, MA 02668.

Arlene M. Wholey

Andover native worked as telephone operator

Arlene M. Wholey, 69, of Dover, N.H., died Tuesday, May 3, at the Riverside Rest Home. She was the wife of Raymond J. Wholey.

Born in Andover, she was the daughter of Arthur and Katherine (Murphy) Malloy. She was a former longtime resident of Lawrence, prior to moving to Dover in 1985.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Wholey worked as a telephone operator for the New England Telephone Co.

She was a communicant of St. Joseph Church.

Services were private and burial was in St. Mary New Cemetery.

There will be a memorial service at Riverside Rest Home, 276 County Farm Road, Dover, N.H., on Wednesday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Louise H. Vetere

Devoted mother and grandmother

Louise H. (Gatto) Vetere, 88, of Andover and formerly of Lynbrook, N.Y., died Saturday, May 7 following a brief illness.

Mrs. Vetere was the widow of Michael Joseph Vetere Sr., to whom she was married for 49 years.

Family members said, "Mrs. Vetere was a devoted mother and grandmother who in her quiet, unassuming and insightful

way, imparted a strong sense of family and togetherness in her children and grandchildren."

Loved by all she touched, she was a member of Christ Church in Lynbrook before moving to Andover eight years ago, where she joined the parish of Christ Church in Andover.

Members of her family include her children, Joyce Milowski of Seaciff, N.Y., Michael Joseph Vetere Jr. and his wife Terry of Slippery Rock, Penn., Anita Coonan and her husband Patrick of Malverne, N.Y., and John Vetere and his wife Mariann of Andover; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church in Andover, while her funeral will be held in New York.

Louise McQuestion

Dedicated teacher was a longtime town resident

Louise (Bowman) McQuestion, 95, of Andover, died Tuesday, May 3.

She was born in Leavenworth, Kansas and moved to Andover on May 3, 1941, when she married Franklin McQuestion. She was a town resident for the rest of her long life.

Mrs. McQuestion earned a bachelor's degree from Emporia State Teachers' College and her master's degree from Boston University. She was a dedicated teacher in Kansas and Massachusetts.

She and her late husband shared a love of family, travel, and history.

Mr. McQuestion died Nov. 1, 1991.

She was also pre-deceased by a sister, Susan Hart.

Members of her family include three sisters, Dorothy Swanson of Las Vegas, Nev., Bernice Young of Kenosha, Wisc., and Joy Kozak of Leavenworth, Kan.; several nieces and nephews; and three dear local friends, Lorraine Brown, Marilyn Iskowitz and Rita Simard.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in Tewksbury Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Wesleyan Cemetery in Gloucester.

Arrangements are by the Charles F. Dewhurst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, 01810; or to the Cape Ann Historical Association, 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester, MA 01930.

Alida A. Rodgers

Homemaker was a longtime resident

Alida A. (Fox) Rodgers, 86, of Andover, and formerly of North Reading, died Tuesday, May 10, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation for North Reading.

She was the widow of Ernest H. Rodgers.

Born in Boston, she was raised and attended school in North Reading, and was a graduate of Reading Senior High School.

Mrs. Rodgers was a homemaker and was dedicated to her family. She had been a resident of Andover for the past 31 years, and a former resident of North Reading for 55 years.

She worked at Boston Naval Shipyard during World War II, while her husband served in the US Army, stationed in the Pacific.

Mrs. Rodgers was an avid

DEATHS

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Arlene M. Wholey, 69

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

COX — Bernard F. Cox Jr., 42, of North Andover died Sunday, May 8 at home. Mr. Cox graduated from Greater Lawrence Vocational High School in Andover.

DOHERTY — Mary M. Doherty, 60, of Atkinson, N.H. and formerly of North Andover, died Wednesday, May 4 at her home. Members of her family include her stepdaughter, Carla and her husband Robert Burns of Andover.

MOOSHIAN — Robert C. Mooshian, 68, of Salem, N.H. died Monday, May 2 at Holy Family Hospital. Members of his family include his niece Pamela Dyer of Andover.

NETTI — Daniel A. Netti, 41, of Herkimer, N.Y., died Friday, May 6, at his home. Mr. Netti attended the Greater Lawrence Vocational School in Andover.

reader and birder.

Members of her family include her sons, Alan Rodgers and his wife Elizabeth, and Donald Rodgers and his wife Donna, all of North Reading; daughters, Diana Lavey and her husband Michael of Burlington, and Marcia Rodgers of Danvers; a brother, William Fox of Malden; and a sister, Emily Pratt of Revere; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral will be held at the Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., North Reading, on Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

Calling hours will be held tomorrow, Friday, May 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, North Reading.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care, Inc., 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180.

Phyllis E. Lannon

Retired tax examiner

Phyllis E. (Lister) Lannon, 80, of Andover, died Sunday, May 8, at Colonial Heights Nursing Home of Lawrence.

Born in Methuen, she was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Mrs. Lannon was a tax examiner with the IRS until her retirement.

Members of her family include three sons, Daniel J. Lannon Jr., of Lawrence, Jeffrey D. Lannon and his wife Claudette of Dracut, and Sean T. Lannon and his wife Patricia of Salem, N.H.; brother, Herbert A. Lister of Andover; sister, Ruth L. Thompson of Fort Worth, Tex.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial Mass today, Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

At the family's request, there are no calling hours.

Cremation will take place at Linwood Crematory, Haverhill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or the Alzheimer's Association,

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

Massachusetts Chapter, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Arrangements are by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Michael L. Paquette

Owned Mike's Truck & Trailer Service here

Michael L. Paquette, 37, of Andover, died Friday, May 6, at his home.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Paquette had been an area resident all of his life.

For many years, he had been employed at Lawrence Tank Co. He owned and operated

Mike's Truck & Trailer Service in Andover.

He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, snowmobiling and antique muscle cars.

He was the son of the late Leon J. Paquette.

Members of his family include his mother, Arlene M. Lebel of Methuen; two sisters, Jennifer MacNichols of Methuen, and Meredith and her husband Daniel Cruz of Haverhill; one brother, Jason Paquette and his wife Amanda of Lawrence; his grandparents, Henry and Gloria Bolduc of Andover; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Racicot Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

110 Years Ago — 1995

The public is invited to join a celebration the weekend of June 10-11 at Eugene V. Lovely field for Andover's second annual 24-Hour Relay Challenge. This year's relay will include 500 participants and more than 200 volunteers. Last June, the relay raised more than \$10,000 to support intergenerational and service activities.

Third-grade children at South School have been learning from their pen pals at the Malloy School in Lowell. Each class has been studying the other's culture through stories, songs and games. Together the students celebrated the Cambodian New Year.

Several Andover artists will show their artwork in the Andover Artists Guild's "First Blooms of Spring," art show and sale at Park Street Village. Se Hung Jang, Arlene Greenspan, Bodil Sudin, Julie Cole, Diane Butler, and Janet Caiati will show works in watercolor, oils and photography.

Nearly 100 residents met with town officials in an attempt to save local forests and to discuss possible alternatives for three new ball fields approved at Town Meeting. The forest behind South School is very old, with trails, mature trees and an enormous amount of wildlife, the residents say. South School is currently undergoing major renovations, part of the school building project approved at the 1994 Annual Town Meeting.

— Compiled by What's Up contributor Caroline Whalen

SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement — Beginning the Grief

Journey, the Merrimack Valley Hospice offers bereavement programs: group meets on Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, North Andover, participation is free but pre-registration is requested; Judith Berube or Marjane Costello 978-552-4376.

Bereavement — Rainbow Hearts, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) is offering a weekly bereavement program called Rainbow Hearts for those who have lost a loved one in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community; from April 7 through May 26, the group meets on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lowell campus of Middlesex Community College, free but registration is required; Lou LaBella 978-552-4645.

Bereavement — Heart of Grief Education, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief, group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested; Nancy Thornton 978-374-9257.

Bereavement — Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offers a free support group designed especially for young widow and widowers, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill), 978-552-4376.

RELIGION NEWS

This Sunday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Gen Kelsang Chöma, a senior Kadampa Buddhist nun, the resident teacher of the Serlingpa Meditation Center in Marion, Mass., will speak on the topic of "Finding Inner Peace in Troubled Times: Buddha's ancient wisdom for modern times."

The talk will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's center at 6 Locke St. For more information, contact Dan Graham at 978-794-5665.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish announced that this weekend, May 14 and 15, its regular Sunday worship schedule is suspended. On Pentecost weekend they will be celebrating the life of the parish at one Eucharistic celebration at 10 a.m. Bishop Lennon will also celebrate confirmation at this Mass.

There will be no 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 14.

New England Bible Church will host the second in a series of midweek interfaith services on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m., at the West Parish Cemetery Chapel. The New England Bible Church Worship Team will perform contemporary Christian praise and worship music. The service will be led by the Rev. Chip Thompson. For more information, call Betsy Collins at West Parish Church, at 978-475-3528.

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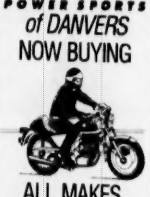
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Stipend offered to make teachers models for others

By Rita Savard

Andover teachers achieving national certification will now receive an additional \$1,000 town stipend each year, following a unanimous School Committee decision to help fill a hole caused by shrinking state aid.

Described by one local educator as "tormenting" and "tear-jerking" at times, certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards remains one of the most difficult honors for teachers. Thousands apply each year; approximately 20 to 30 percent pass the exam. Of the 495 educators statewide with NBPTS certification, three work at Andover High School.

"There are many good teachers who will never apply for National Board status," said social studies and NBPTS-certified teacher Craig Simpson. "That doesn't mean that they're not any good, and the national board recognizes that. What the board claims is that teachers who pass the test will see a qualitative difference in their students, and in their own performance."

Simpson, who heads the Andover teacher mentoring program, is concerned that the state's pullback on aid for teachers during and after the rigorous certification process will discourage educators from undertaking the "grueling but rewarding" career challenge.

When Massachusetts began working on education reform nearly a decade ago, a national search to lure the best and brightest educators was baited with a cash incentive. The state Department of Education opted to financially support candidates who passed the certification process by offering a \$50,000 stipend disbursed in annual pay-



Andover High School teachers (from left) Steve Sanborn, biology; Greg Waters, English; and Craig Simpson, social studies are the only three teachers in Andover to be certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

ments of \$5,000 over 10 years — the length of the NBPTS certificate. To become eligible for the stipend, certified educators must agree to mentor a new teacher through the teacher's first year, or through NBPTS certification.

Under the Educator Quality Enhancement law of 1998, the DOE established a permanent endowment to fund quality-support programs, attract and train new teachers and support veteran educators. However, a few years ago the DOE said the state's budget crisis forced it to cut the bonus in half. The state also dropped its reimbursement of the NBPTS's \$2,600 application from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

"Unfortunately the stipend was one of the casualties of the state's budget problem," said Heidi Perlman, DOE spokeswoman. "Settling on the \$2,500 is initially higher, when there

was a possibility to cut the stipend entirely."

Andover educators suspect the state might eventually eliminate the bonus, leaving individual districts to offer cash incentives that encourage teachers' professional development.

"Now that it costs more for teachers to take the exam and the state is waning off the stipend, there is going to be difficulty convincing teachers to go through the personal trauma and take on a larger work load," said English teacher Greg Waters.

Waters was one of many teachers who did not pass the exam after his first attempt.

National board certification can consume up to 500 extra hours over a year, he said. The test is divided into two parts. First, educators must show evidence of good practice through videotapes of classroom teach-

ing, lesson plans, samples of student work and written analyses and reflections on successes and failures. Second, candidates spend a full day completing four challenging written tests of their subject-matter knowledge and ability to teach it to students.

"Watching the videos was sometimes painful," Waters said. "The tape doesn't lie. It forces you to self-analyze, which can be self-deprecating."

Once the process is completed, teachers still have to wait out the summer and the first few months of the new school year before learning their results. But even though the news Waters received his first year taking the NBPTS certification was not what he was hoping to hear, he dove back into the process.

"When you get over the hump of watching the videos, and accepting that it's OK to

make some mistakes, you become more real," Waters said. "This profession can be as exciting as you want it to be. There are different ways of doing things and the national board told us it's OK to explore those options."

Simpson, who has taught in Andover for 26 years, passed the difficult test right away. To his advantage, the veteran teacher said he went into the exam armed with skills that he developed from years of team-teaching techniques in Andover.

"It helped me to create a habit of reflection," Simpson said. "Without those skills I would have been lost. How else do you identify and understand when a decision you made before a group of 15-year-olds caused you to lose one?"

While Simpson's students admit their teacher can sometimes seem "nuts" or "mean," his methods remain popular among the teens who continually fill his social studies classes.

"I care more about this class than any other," said 16-year-old Fiona Dooley, who has Simpson for 20th Century America and the World. "It's more work and there's a lot more writing assignments in this class, but Mr. Simpson lets us decide what we want to write about. It makes me really think about what I want to say and how I'm going to say it."

School Committee Chairwoman Deb Silberstein said overwhelming evidence has proven that the students of National Board certified teachers show greater achievement rates than the students of teachers who have state certification alone.

"We wanted to create the incentive to obtain certification, but also recognize the value that the (NBPTS) teacher brings to the district, their colleagues, students and the culture of their business," Silberstein said.

Science teacher Steve Sanborn, the most recent Andover teacher to earn NBPTS certification, also was selected as a representative of the Fulbright Memorial Teacher Fund Program. Sanborn will travel to Japan on a study trip for three weeks in June for a unique opportunity in professional development.

All three teachers hope to see the pool of NBPTS certified educators in Andover grow to include a more diverse mentoring team that serves as a state model of teaching excellence.

"Should I be angry that the state cut the stipend?" asks Waters. "I'm not bitter. I'm the teacher I am today because of the national board. Any teacher who really loves the profession and plans on staying with it for life knows that giving the kids more of yourself is worth far more than the money."

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